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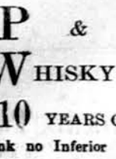

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Quetta, 4 February, 1901.

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

MONDAY EVENING, FEB. 11.

We have no information from the London Markets later than the 9th instant. The telegrams received through Reuter's agency are up to Saturday evening, but owing to pressure on our space they were not included in the report published this morning. They are, however, incorporated in to-day's Notes.

EXCHANGE.

The market has been steady to-day without much doing. Our Quotations are as follows :—

Bank Telegraphic Transfer	1s. 4 1-32d.
,, Demand	1s. 4 1-16d.
3 Months' Sight Credits	1s. 4 9-32d.
,, Francs...	171
30 Days' sight, Japan	148 1-2
,, Shanghai	202
Silver London	28 3-16
,, New York (forgot to note)	

BANK OF BOMBAY.

The Bank's return for the week ending on Saturday, shows the following changes :—

		Rs.
Public Deposits at the Head Office...	Dec.	536,974
,, ,, ,, Branches...	Inc.	307,784
Other ,, ...	Dec.	6,96,240
Government Securities ...	Dec.	91,646
Other authorised ,, ...	Dec.	123,303
Loans	Dec.	904,335
Bills discounted and purchased ...	Inc.	3,70,219
Balances with other Banks...	Dec.	85862
Cash	Dec.	168,361

SUNDAY EVENING, FEB. 10.

CONSULS &C.

The following information is to hand to-day :—

2 3-4 per cent Consols	£96 15-16
3 per cent Rentes	unchanged
3 1-2 per cent Sterling Loan	
3 1-2 per cent Govt. Securities	£93 5-8
Bar Silver in London	28 3-16
Do in New York	61 1-8
Exchange on London at Paris	25·21
Do at New York	4·8 7-3—8 plus
Discount Bank of England	unchanged
Do Short London Bills	3 7-8 p. c.
Do Indian Bank Bills	3 7-8 p. c.
Transfers on Bombay Rs 2,00,000 at 1s 4 1-16d.	
Transfers on Bombay Rs. 2,00,000 at 1s. 4 1-16d.	

GOVERNMENT PAPER.

The market, to-day, has remained unchanged at Rs. 95-2 for Settlement. Ready Paper is 3 annas lower, but we have heard of no business in either positions.

SHARES.

The market is quiet and unchanged. David Mill shares have changed hands at Rs. 212 1-2. The other quotations remain more or less unaltered.

GOLD AND SILVER.

The following statement shews the imports into and exports from Bombay of Treasure from Foreign countries since the departure of last mail :—

	Imports. Rs.	Exports. Rs.
Gold Coins	12,42,105	...
Gold Bullion	11,49,500	...
Silver Coins	35,502	...
Silver Bullion	...	...

COTTON.

There has been a steadier feeling in our cotton market to-day and the prices of ready rice stapled lots are well maintained in spite of the decline of two rupees per candy for forward descriptions. The demand from exporters is moderate, but mills are not operating at all. The sales at Colaba amounted to about 2,400 bales of which 1,900 bales were accounted for by shippers and the rest were for local consumption.

The following are the official quotations :—

Growths.	Fine. Rs.	F. G. Rs.	Good. Rs.	Delivery.
Bengals, Hand-ginned, Railway terms	186	173	163	Feb 25
Bengals, Machine-ginned, Railway terms	190	179	...	Do.
Scinde-Punjab, Machine Ginned	196	181	...	Do.
Bhuttee, Machine ginned	240	195	...	Do.
Do. Hand-ginned	195	183	...	Do.
Khandeish Machine-ginned	...	185	...	Do.
Jalgaum, Machine-ginned	...	185	...	Do.
Akola, Machine-ginned				
Khamgaum, Machine-ginned	207	202	...	Do.
Oomra, Machine-ginned				
Oomra, Good Staple	215	203	...	Do.
Broach, Machine-ginned	233	...	...	Do.
Surat do	...	...	129	15-25 May
Bhownugger, Hand-ginned	219	207	...	April-May.
Do do.	...	...	195	15-25 May.
Saw-ginned Dharwar	...	...	223	May 25
Western	...	...	213	Do.

The latest forecast of the cotton crop in the Nizam's Territory shows that the one under cultivation, in 1900-1901 is estimated at 1,698,836 acres, or an increase of 31·5 per cent. over the area sown in the preceding year. The rains in the early part of the monsoon were so seasonable that a large tract of the land was brought under cultivation. They were late, however, in October, and the cotton sown with the spring crops did not receive a sufficient supply of rain. In the Aurangabad division, which has the largest cotton area in the Territory, the sudden cessation of the winter rains did not allow the crop to thrive, and hence it is very probable that the actual yield may be less than the estimate now arrived at, namely, 88,528 bales. But the cotton crop of 1900-1 is an improvement over that of the preceding year. Based on the present estimate the averagel yield per acre is expected to be 20·8 pounds o, cotton.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed quiet ; Surat, were quiet ; and Manchester was steady. Total sale for the day (Saturday) amounted to 6,000 bales and the quantity sold for speculation and for export was 500 bales. Imports were 5,000 bales : Spot 5 14-32 ; and arrivals closed quiet.

The following are the receipts of the various growths of cotton at Bombay to date as compared with the corresponding period in the preceding season :—

	Saturday.	Since 1st Oct. 1900.	Since 1st Oct. 1899.
Khandeish	4,540	180,422	74,228
Barsee and Nagur	3,132	63,090	22,974
Berar	6,948	313,846	91,640
Hinganghat	102	7,840	4,857
Dhollera	277	4,454	38,126
Broach	72	1,896	33,504
Coompta and Dharwar	139	11,715	18,660
Westerns	...	2,101	1,026
Bengals	1,744	133,846	230,309
Sind	169	1,517	17,629
Persian	170	3,583	3,427
American	...	6,635	5,531
Egyptian	339	2,390	4,565
Other sorts	...	2,921	1,279
Total...	17,652	736,726	547,755

WHEAT AND SEEDS.

The Wheat Market continues quiet, and the rate for White Delhi, April-May, remains unchanged.

Linseed is dull, but there has been a slight advance in the quotation for bold ready, which is now Rs. 8-9 ; April-May delivery remains at Rs. 8-2.

Rapeseed is declining, and the rates this evening are :—

Brown Katnee	Rs. 6-12 to 6-10 ready
Do. Delhi	,, 6-1-6 April-May.
Yellow Cawnpore	,, 6-10 ,, nominal
Do. Guzerat	,, 7-6 speculation among Gujaratis.

Poppyseed is dull, but the rate for forward delivery has increased one anna. The quotations are : Ready Rs. 8-12 ; April-May Rs. 1-12

Castorseed is quiet, but there is nothing doing. We quote :—

Castorseed ready, Rs. 35-4 ; April-May Rs. 34.

Gingellyseed is also quiet, but there is no change in prices :—

Gingellyseed, New, 85 per cent.		Rs. 46
,, ,, 75 ,,		,, 44
,, ,, 50 ,,		,, 42-8
,, ,, Red		,, 41
Hinganghat Yellow		,, 48
Kathiawadi ,,		,, 36
Groundnuts		,, 40

In the Home markets Rapeseed Brown is quoted at 25s. The tone of the market is quiet and there are sellers for Havre, Antwerp and Dunkirk, April-May shipment. Linseed stands at 45s. with business for the same months and ports ; but the tone of the market is firmer.

Subjoined is a summary of daily arrivals of produce into Bombay :—

	Saturday. cwts.	Since 1st Jan. 1901. cwts.	Since 1st Jan. 1900. cwts.
Wheat	259	197,056	101,894
Linseed	7,065	39,363	14,897
Rapeseed	914	29,007	13,045
Gingellyseed	5,271	510,522	675,229
Poppyseed	82	3,493	4,232
Groundnuts	462	22,142	7,095
Castorseed	2,193	180,717	30,091
Rice	7,375	826,990	795,791
Myrabollams	3,322	126,983	not recorded.

TRADE IN HIDES.

A striking illustration of the severity of the ravages of the famine last year is furnished by the magnitude of the exports from Calcutta, Madras, Bombay, and Karachi of hides and skins from oxen, buffalo, goat, and sheep, the figures being computed to exceed 55,00 ,000 pieces. The hide trade in England and on the Continent has unusually been large, but owing to the poor condition of the bulk of the hides from the famine districts, prices receded considerably and are now less than they were a year ago. Although the export of hides from Calcutta last year was very large, Bombay, being nearest to the famine districts, developed an enormous trade. The difficulty of preparing and packing so unexpected a rush of goods led to considerable confusion, and a leading Home firm complains that the specification of weights and contents was apparently mere guesswork, and that it was no uncommon thing to find several parcels in one ship with separate bills of lading and sent to fill entirely different contracts, either all marked or numbered the same, or marked the same and not numbered at all. The result was that almost every parcel gave to rise arbitration, and the awards created great dissatisfaction among both parties, the Home buyers getting much the worst of the settlements as a general rule. Karachi also did a brisk business in hides, and during the past year shipped three million pieces.

TRADE OF BURMA.

A table in the Burma administration report for 1899-1900 gives the value of the trade of Burma, excluding Government exports and imports, since 1866 67. The total value of the sea-borne trade of Burma in 1866-67 was 487 lakhs ; in 1899-1900 it was 3,123 lakhs. The value of the sea-borne trade of Rangoon in the same years was 293 and 2,436 lakhs respectively. Thus in thirty-three years the sea-borne trade of the province increased nearly seven-fold, and that of Rangoon over eight-fold. For the whole province the imports increased five-fold and the xports eight-fold.

BANK OF BOMBAY.

The following is the statement of the affairs of the Bank of Bombay for the week ending 9th February, as compared with the statement of 1st February :—

Liabilities.	Feb. 1. Rs.	Feb. 9. Rs.
Capital	1,00,00,000	1,00,00,000
Reserve Fund	70,00,000	70 00,000
Public Deposits at Head Office	57,27,602	51,40,6 8
Do. do. at Branches	2,00,656	32,04,470
Other Deposits	4,76,07,317	4,69,11,027
Post Bills	8,4 8	9,311
Credits undrawn	17,02,0 2	16,05,985
Rs...	7,49,46,175	7,38,75,431
Assets.		
Government Securities	73,95,755	73,01,109
Other authorised Securities	13,0 ,922	11,81,629
Credits, on Govt. and other authorised Securities	73,09,752	72,15,212
Loans do. do.	2,73, 0,307	2,64,23,972
Bills Discounted and purchased	1,77,01,736	1,8 ,71,95
Dead Stock	3,74,736	3,72, 33
Stamps and Stationery	14,224	14,288
Bullion		
Balances with other Banks	3,32,703	3,47,011
Cash	1,31,13,830	1,30,15,469
Rs...	7,49,46,175	7,38,75,431

HIGH COURT.—FEBRUARY 12.

Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice B. Tyabjee.

Suits for hearing and final disposal.

Short Cause.

258-00—Bhaishanker and K—Thakordas Purmanand and others vs Khuspaldas Tarachand and other—Payne G S and M.

632 00—In person—Amerchand Vurjee and another vs Laljee Rawa and other.

746-00—Muljee and R—Mittubai widow vs Pandoo Vithoojee and others—Khaderao and M M J and M.

751-00—Tyabjee and Co—Bai Premabai and another vs Jetha Vurjee.

788-00—Cradle L and O—Jaina Raven Hirdumull and another vs Ruttonshaw Framjee and others—Daftary and F.

812-00—Shamrao and another—Bai Baiai vs Gangabai and another—Captain and V.

342-00 K B Mehta—Jamsetjee Sorabjee Enty vs Dayaram Jugjeewan and others—Framjee and D.

829-00—Tyabjee D and Co—Dhunjee Jaitha vs Mamaradulla Adamjee.

878-00—Cryer G S and M—China Jievraj and another vs Bhimjee Purshan.

879-00—Tyabjee D and Co—Babetta Sheerazee vs Mirza Ali Mahomed Sheerazee—Edgelow G and W.

880-00 Shamrao and M—Bejanjee Jamsetjee Dajee vs Meherbai widow.

888-00—Wadia and G—Hormusjee Manickjee Dadachanjee vs Vithaldas Khetsey—Jamsetjee and R for postponment.

889-00—Framjee and D—N C Macleod vs Hajee Esea Hajee Goosman.

892-00—Matubai and J—and N—Aga Mahomed Jaffer Shustri and another vs Jafferbai Hajee Kaliambhai Gangjee and others Framjee and D.

894-00—Craigie L and O—The Commercial Bank of India Ld vs Hergovandas Echaram.

2-01—Bicknell M and R—Dwarkadas Chotalal and another vs Balmookandas Vithaidas and others.

12-01—Khanderao and S—Cooverjee Vishram vs Shivjee Nathoo.

For Investigation of Pauperism.

49-00—In person—Thucker Vussenjee Dhunjee vs Govardhand s Oodhowjee.

51-00—In person—Violet Mabel Blackburn vs William Henry Blackburn.

52-00—In person—Talbai vs Narayen Harischandra and others.

53-00—In person—Shanker Cuson and and another vs Framji Dhunjeebhoy Oomrigor and others—Little and Co.

54-00—In person—Manbai widow vs Heerbai widow.

55-00—In person—Bandoo Ramji vs Godavaribai widow R P Mehta for postponment.

1-01—Jamsetjee and R—Vishnu Krishnajee Kadam and others vs Ganpat Malhari Kadam.

1-01—Re Rustomjee Pestonjee Cooper deceased—Jehangir Dadabhoy Cooper and others—In person vs Pestonjee Bezonjee Chooksey—T Dayabhoy and Co.

Long Causes.

700-00—M H Khan—Amiroodin bin Mahomed Hoosein Khatib vs Abdool Rehman bin Goolam Mohideen Shaik Bh eeam and others—Captain and V.

172-00—Banishanker and K—Bhai Jivanjee vs, Hurrivlabdas Jurridas—Little and Co.

377-97—Wadia and G—Raghunnal Budhsing vs Juggonath Bhawanishai and another—Hiralal M and M and W and G.

615-99—K B Mehta—Domingo J T S de Souza vs Maria Francis—Daphtary and F.

For further directions and costs in Commissioner's

615-97—Mulla and M—Purshotum Munjee vs Nanji Morarji and another—Muljee and R.

Long Causes.

319-00—Khunderao and S—Hajee Esmail Hajee Esack vs Goolam Mahomed Dawood and others—Captain D and D and Balkrishna V N Kirtikar.

172-00—Little and Co—Ahmedbhoy Hubibhoy vs Nanabhai Burjorjee Sackilawalla—Nanu and H.

501-00—Captain and V for pauper—Qassum Kurrim vs Molvi Abdul Kadur Bugza—K B Mehta.

543-00—Little and Co—Runchordas Premjee and another vs Tribhowandas Varjiwandas and others—Dikshit and D.

82-00—Shaim B and N—Percy Ferdinand Fisher vs S J Tellery—Daphtary and F for postponment.

456-00—Tyabjee D and Co—Damodhurdas Vandravandas and others vs Davidas Vundravandas and others—adgelow G and W.

10-97—Mathuhai J and M—Charles Agnew Turner and others vs Ruttonshaw Erachsha Kohler and others—Daphtary and F and Ardeshir H and D.

560-99—Nanu and H—Babajee Atmaram vs Sadashiv Shunker Wagle and others—Hiralal M and M.

672-00—Bicknell M and M—Christina Zambelli vs Frank Zambelli—Sorabjee and J.

372-00—Payne G S and M—Cursondas Ramdas and others vs Muljee Ramdas—Little and Co.

483-00—Little and Co—Muljee Ramdas vs Cursondas Ramdas and others—Payne G S and M.

Before the Hon'ble Mr Justice Russell.

Suits for hearing and final disposal.

Long Causes.

233-99—Captain and V—Katherine vs Martin Doming de Souza and others—Tyabjee D and Co.

481-23—Bhaishanker and K—The Hon ble the Acting Advocate General vs Gordhundas Purmanand and others—Little and Co—Part heard.

573-97—Edgelow G and S—Aliza Alli Mahomed Sheerazee vs Man Sultan and others—Craigie L and O and Payne G S and M.

462-00—Nanu and H—Goolamhoosen Allarakhia vs Gangjee Poonja Edgelow G and W.

36-99—K P Mehta—Amtha Tribhowan Jugjiwan and another vs Rai Kasi—Madhavjee and V.

291-99—Little and Co—Doongersey Purshotam vs Premcore and others—Payne G S and M and B and K.

151-00—Captain and V—Purbut Survam and others vs Nagsey Koorpat—Matubhoy J and M.

"The Twentieth Century," the new monthly review which, in securing this title, left the proprietors of "The Nineteenth Century" without the choice of its name, has appeared. It need not make "The Nineteenth Century and After" tremble. Its most striking feature is the big type, in which respect only it resembles Murray's "Monthly Review." The cover is red, and the contents are predominantly political. There is a praiseworthy brevity about the articles however, thirty contributions, counting separately each book notice in the article entitled "Reviews," are included in 190 pages, which, remembering the large type, means short articles on the average. In the political symposium Mr. Clayden, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. A. E. Newman, and Mr. J. C. Haig certainly supply diversity of view and interest their readers. Mr. Diggle discourses on the progress of education in the last century. The story "At the Crossways," is by Ralph Hedderwick. The dramatic article "Pierrot at the Play," deals with only "Mrs. Dane's Defence," and as a tribute to Sir Arthur Sullivan's memory with "Patience." The signature is "H. J. R."

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 6h. 30m. Sun sets, 5h. 59m. High water 3.33m., 5·0s. Low water, 10-21m., 10·5s.

Bombay Legislative Council. Secretariat, 12 noon.

First Criminal Sessions, 11 a.m.

Back Bay Bath Company. Annual General Meeting, 5-30 p.m.

Novelty Theatre, "Ingomar," by Miss Janet Waldorf's Company.

Annual Meeting, National Indian Association, Ladies' Branch, Government House, 5, p.m.

Polo.—There will be a game to-day at 4-30 p.m.

Postal Notice.—Mails for Natal, Delagoa Bay, Cape Colony, &c., per s s Pongola, will be closed at the General Post Office at 7 p.m. on Saturday, the 16th instant.

Bombay Medical and Physical Society.—The next meeting of the Bombay Medical and Physical Society will be held in the University Library on Friday, the 15th instant, at 5-15 p.m.

Maneckjee Nusserwanjee Petit's Charitable Dispensary.—The total number of patients treated during the last month was 5,071, the daily average being 163. The total of new patients was 590.

Whirling a Torch.—Gungaram Rowji, a Hindu aged about twenty-five years, while whirling a lighted torch at a wedding on Saturday night, accidentally set his clothes on fire and was burnt about his arms and legs. He was removed to the G. T. Hospital for treatment.

Accident to an Octogenarian.—Hoorbai, a Hindu woman, aged eighty-five years, while attempting to cross the Kalbadevi Road at the Moombadevi fire-brigade station, was accidentally knocked down by a passing tram-car. She sustained injuries to her arm and legs, which necessitated her removal to the Gocaldas Tejpal Hospital.

A Girl Seriously Burnt.—Ameena, a Mahomedan girl, aged eight years, residing with her parents at Sooltee Mohalla, was, on Sunday morning, removing a pot of boiling water from off the fire place, when her garments caught fire and she was excessively burnt about her body. She was removed to the J. J. Hospital, where she has been detained under treatment.

Death of a Centenarian.—The death occurred at Surat, on Friday last, of a respected citizen, Mr. Eorahim Hydeali Kurwa, at the age of one hundred and one years. He was the father of Mr. E. E. Kurwa, a partner in the firm of Messrs. Kurwa and Kajiji, ship-chandlers and contractors of Bombay. The deceased carried on in his youth the business of a dealer in oil paints and varnish and amassed a large fortune. He led a very simple and methodical life and enjoyed good health till about four months prior to his death. He leaves behind him a son and two daughters and some thirty-two grand-children. His son, Mr. E. E. Kurwa, besides being a public-spirited citizen and a Justice of the Peace, is an honorary Magistrate of Surat, where he enjoys the respect and esteem of his countrymen. Two of the deceased's grandsons are members of the Bombay Bar. Out of respect to his memory the firm of Messrs. Kurwa and Kajiji in Bombay was closed on the day the news of his death was received here.

Students' Literary and Scientific Society.—A meeting of this Society was held yesterday evening, at the Framji Cowasji Institute. Mr. Cursetji Rustomji Cama was called to the chair. On the motion of Mr. Kalabhoy Lalubhoy, seconded by Mr. Dalvi, pleader, the following resolution was adopted : That this Society records its profound grief at the death of the Hon. Mr. M. G. Ranade, which took place on the 16th January last. He filled the office of president of the Society for the last seven years with conspicuous ability and interest. His eminent position, his great attainments and his unswerving zeal for the cause of female education made him an ideal president and his death puts the Society to a most grievous loss which it can ill sustain. The Society while deeply sensible of the gravity of its own loss, respectfully offer its sincere condolence and sympathy to Mrs. Ranade in her most heavy affliction and singularly sad bereavement. On the motion of Mr. Daji Aoaji Khare, the Hon. Mr. Justice Chandavarkar was elected president. With a vote of thanks to the chairman the proceedings terminated.

Rash and Negligent Driving.—Yesterday at the Esplanade Police Court, before Mr. F. H. Dastur, Third Presidency Magistrate, Jivan Murar, aged 22, was charged with driving in a rash and negligent manner so as to endanger human life. Mr. H. Sealy, pleader, appeared for the prosecution. On Saturday afternoon at one o'clock accused was driving the carriage of his master, Hardanand Joshi, a merchant, in a most furious manner and on the wrong side of the road. He was coming from the direction of the Ballard Pier. When the carriage came in front of the Town Hall, Col. Bicknerhassett, who was going out of the Town Hall compound riding on a bicycle, was knocked down by the carriage. He was hurt on his hand, leg and face, and one of his ribs was broken. Before the accident happened accused did not shout out nor did he stop the carriage after the accident. It was stopped by a policeman at a distance of about fifty paces from the place of the accident. The Magistrate in convicting the accused remarked that his act was not only negligent, but very rash. It was necessary to put a stop to rash and negligent driving in the streets of Bombay. Accused was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

FIRST CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Whitworth presided at the sitting of the Bombay Criminal Sessions yesterday morning.

A JUROR FINED.

Mr H. Gill, a special juror, having failed to answer to his name, was fined Rs. 50.

ALLEGED FRAUD UPON MESSRS. GREAVES, COTTON AND CO.

RE-TRIAL OF THE BROKER.

Jiwandas Haridas, a broker, again surrendered to his bail and claimed to be re-tried for having, as alleged by the prosecution, committed criminal breach of trust in respect of cheques entrusted to him as a broker or agent. The accused was first tried during the past week and found guilty by a common jury by a majority of six to three. Mr. Justice Whitworth is used to accept that verdict, and directed that the accused should be re-tried by a special jury. At the new trial the following gentlemen were empanelled on the

Special Jury.

Mr. F. C. Remington, Foreman.

Mr. Jejeebhoy F. Petit	Mr. F. Asquith
Mr. S. H. McDowall	Mr. W. W. Wilson
Mr. H. A. Gilderay	Mr. W. Carter
Mr. Ratansha Dadabhoy	Mr. Hormusji E. Bamji

Mr. Lowndes, Mr. Inverarity, and Mr. Weldon, instructed by Messrs. Nanu and Hormusjee, appeared to prosecute on behalf of Messrs Greaves, Cotton and Co. The accused was defended by Mr. Davar and Mr. Bahadurjee instructed by Messrs Tyabjee, Dayabhai and Co. Mr. Rivett-Carnac, instructed by Messrs. Smetham, Bland and Noble, appeared to watch the proceedings on behalf of Mr. Hammond and Mr. Cuesthan.

The case for the prosecution, as already reported, was to the effect that the accused, as the broker of the firm of Haji Abdul Rahiman Shirazi, was entrusted with three cheques, aggregating over Rs. 54,000, for the purpose of being paid in to Messrs. Greaves, Cotton and Co. It was alleged that the accused had only paid in about Rs. 20,000, and had misappropriated the remainder, which it was suggested by the prosecution he had shared with certain persons who had been instrumental in falsifying the books of the firm.

Evidence was then called for the prosecution similar to that called at the former trial.

In the course of the day the manager of Haji Abdul Rahiman Shirazi's firm, several Bank clerks, Mr. A. Leslie of Messrs. Greaves, Cotton and Co., and Mr. Hammond, the manager of the piece-goods department, were examined. The examination of the latter witness was not concluded when the trial was adjourned to this (Tuesday) morning at 11 o'clock.

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HIGH COURT.—ORIGINAL SIDE.

(Before the Hon. Mr. Justice Crowe.)

CLAIM BY A HINDU LADY.

ANANDIBAI VS. JAITHA RAMJEE AND OTHERS.

His lordship delivered judgment in this case. The plaintiff Anandibai, widow of Pragjee Ramjee, sued the defendants, the brothers and nephew of her deceased husband, for Rs. 12,017, due on an account made in the name of her deceased husband and held on deposit by the defendants in behalf and on account of the plaintiff. Mr. Robertson, instructed by Messrs. Payne, Gilbert, Sayani, and Moos, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Chimanlal Setalvad, instructed by Messrs. Mulla and Mulla, appeared for defendants.

Mr. Justice Crowe, in giving judgment, said there was no dispute as to the principal facts. The deceased Pragjee was in partnership with his brothers, defendants 1-3, and Shivjee, the father of defendant 4. Though it was at first contended by defendants 1 and 2 that the family was joint in food, worship, and estate, during the life-time of Pragjee and that plaintiff was entitled to maintenance only, the contention was afterwards abandoned and defendants obtained leave to amend their written statement, and it was now admitted that the family separated prior to Pragjee's death. It was further admitted that, at the death of Pragjee, there was a sum of Rs. 6,339 to his credit in the firm, that the account had been continued in his name, and interest added from year to year till Samant 1952, when the account stood at Rs. 11,715. The only question arising in the case was whether the present claim was barred by the statute of limitation? The contention of the plaintiff was that article 90 of schedule 2 of Act 15 of 1877 applied to the case, inasmuch as the claim was for money deposited under an agreement that it shall be payable on demand, and that time began to run from the date of the demand. It was in evidence that each of the members of the partnership had contributed certain capital to the firm, and that interest was allowed each year on the amount of such capital, and each partner drew such sums as he wanted from time to time from his account, and was debited accordingly. Similarly the firm borrowed money from depositors at varying rates of interest for the purposes of the business, and so far there was no distinction to be drawn between the sums thus deposited and ordinary loans to a trader to be made use of in his business. Unfortunately, as had been many times pointed out, there was no definition of the term deposit in the Act. It was argued for the plaintiff that the transaction between plaintiff and defendants was in the nature of a trust and of a fiduciary character. The evidence relied on to prove the agreement between the plaintiff and defendants consisted of the statement made by the plaintiff herself. After referring to authorities as bearing on the evidence, his lordship said there was nothing in the conduct of the parties to show that the sum was intended to be in the nature of a deposit according to its specific meaning. After reviewing the circumstances of the case at great length, his lordship held that the present claim was barred by limitation; and his lordship dismissed the claim with costs as against defendants 1 and 2 and defendants 5 and 6, and awarded the claim against defendants 3 and 4, with costs of the first day's hearing.

LIMITATIONS ON SILKS.

The following is sent to us by the Chamber of Commerce :—

No. 2. Commercial.

Berlin, Jan. 3, 1901.

My Lord,—With reference to my despatch No. 69 of this series of March 15th 1899, I have the honour to forward to your Lordship, herewith, a memorandum which I have received from Mr. Gastrell-Commercial Attache to this Embassy, relating to the limitations placed upon silks coming under the Law of March 6th 1899, and liable to a duty of 300 Marks per 100 kilos only.—I have, &c.,

Frank C. Lascelles.

The Marquess of Lansdowne, K. G., &c. &c.

Memorandum on Definition of Silk Tissues falling under £15 per 100 kilos.

A copy of a notice to German Customs Officials as to the exact kind of silk tissues falling under the of March 6th 1899, at the reduced duty of 300 Marks per 100 kilos, is forwarded herewith. For the text Law of that Law, see page 459 of Board of Trade's Journal January to June 1899. The chief points seem to be that the tissue must be without pattern and of close taffeta ("Taffetbindig") and have fixed selvages on both sides; that the reduced rate is only applicable to materials in a bleached or unbleached state, but not to tissues which have received further treatment by dressing, &c., but calendering does not count as such; that the tissue must be of pure silk, no admixture of floss silk or of other spun materials is allowed; and that the raw silk out of which the tissue is made must be only of the silk of Bombay Mori; any tissues containing any silk from the silkworm living on oak trees are excluded from the benefits of the reduction.

(Sd.) William S. H. Gastrell.

Berlin, January 1st 1901.

MR. N. MACBETH AS A GOLFER.

Mr. Harold Hilton the amateur golf Champion writes in the "Sporting Chronicle this week, concerning Mr. N. Macbeth's play as a golfer as follows.—Although Mr. Norman MacBeth's forward position in the Championship of India was a source of gratification to all his old club-mates at St. Annes, there were, nevertheless, not lacking those who confidently anticipated that he would have taken even a more prominent position than he eventually did, as it might be claimed on his behalf that he had better credentials than any of the players who have been in the habit of contesting leading golfing honours in India in the past. That he was labouring under a disadvantage compared with many of his most formidable opponents is evident in the fact that he was playing over a course with which he could have little acquaintance; while, in addition, he had only been in the country a few months previous to the contest. In consequence he could hardly have become acclimatised to the peculiarities of the Indian links, which are, apparently, so different to those over which he was in the habit of playing in his native land. But as the exigencies of business will require his presence in India for some years to come, he will have many opportunities of trying conclusions with his conqueror of Christmas week, and if in the possible that there may be another tale to tell on the next occasion they meet.

As a boy Mr. MacBeth gave promise of becoming one of the very finest amateur players in the kingdom, and this he maintained until about three years ago, when it may be remembered he made a very successful debut in the championship at Hoylake where, after defeating in turn Messrs. Molesworth and Holden—two were hard nuts to crack at any time—he only succumbed to Lrwrence Auchterlonie on the twentieth green, in a match in which he had had the best of the game, and which he certainly should have won on both the eighteenth and ninteenth greens—particularly on the latter, where he was in the position of having two to win the match from about four or five yards from the hole; but the keenness of the greens at Hoylake, in comparison with those he had been in the habit of playing over at St. Annes, had destroyed his confidence, and his putting failed him as it had done right through the match. Just at that part of his career putting was generally conceded to be the most deadly part of his game.

I remember talking to Auchterlonie after the match, and he expressed an opinion that he should have won the match some considerable way from home, as the boy was such a poor putter, and that he himself had failed to take advantage of the opportunities thrown at him, and he evinced some surprise when I informed him that the boy on his past form was one of the most brilliant putters in the kingdom, and that he was distinctly lucky in finding him with his confidence broken. There can be no doubt, however, that just at that time Mr. MacBeth was playing an exceptionally fine game, as those who had the opportunity of playing with him will remember, and whilst it was generally anticipated that his experience at Hoylake would be of great value to him in the future, such, unfortunately, appeared not to be the case, as from that time until his departure for India, his game was never quite so consistent as it had been during the spring of 1898. The old-time brilliancy was occasionally in evidence, but the confidence, once shaken never seemed to return, particularly on the putting green, and I never remember seeing a golfer who was quite so ill at case over a two foot putt as was Norman MacBeth during his latter golfing days in this country. Always a long driver, he occasionally obtained a length of carry which would have sorely tried the powers and science of a Blackwell to outdistance, and although latterly his direction was hardly so accurate as of yore yet when he did manage to really get hold of a ball in the middle of the club, it travelled just in the old style, and it was apparent that the ability was still in him if the confidence of his boyhood would but return.

Advice to Mothers?—Are you broken in your rest by a sick child suffering with the pain of cutting teeth? Go at once to a chemist and get a bottle of Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is perfectly harmless and pleasant to taste, it produces natural quiet sleep by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes as bright as a button. It soothes the child, it softens the gums, allays all pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels and is the best known remedy for dysentery and diarrhœa whether arising from teething or other causes. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup is sold by Medicine dealers everywhere at 1s. 1½d. per bottle.

THE FAMINE COMMISSION AT AJMERE.

The Commission met on Saturday morning in one of the rooms of the Mayo College, Ajmere.

Mr. Manners Smith, Executive Engineer, Ajmere Merwara, said he had occupied that post since October, 1898, and he had been in Rajputana all his service. One relief work was started in November, 1898, and this was followed by another in July, 1899. On the two works there were never more than 700 or 800. There people were distressed but did not show signs of emaciation. The system adopted for payment was according to the Famine Code, but they received only what they worked for. No provision was made for children, there was a minimum wage and also a maximum. No matter what they did, they never got less than half the full task wage. They seldom earned less than the maximum of the Code. Then the digger did ninety cubic feet, and the carrier sixty for a hundred feet lead. The people were all in good condition. That applied to Ajmere. In Merwara the repairs were made on a tank, and elsewhere a new tank was built. There was also metal collection. The people came in a good condition, and had no difficulty in doing the tasks. The mortality on the works was fourteen per mille per month or one hundred and sixty-eight per mille per annum. That included cholera. On one work one day they had sixty-six deaths.

The president having heard Mr. Manner Smith's statement as to the organisation, expressed the opinion that the system appeared to have worked very well.

Witness said there was great scope for the extension of wells, which might by tagavi advances be carried out. The Marwaris came at once upon their works in Ajmere when opened. The immigrants were nine per cent. on works in Ajmere and fifteen per cent. in Merwara. They would affect the death rate proportionately.

Colonel Mullen said there was distress in 1899 in Merwara particularly, and they had got altogether twenty per cent. of the population on relief works in Ajmere which was less affected. The mortality was due to cholera or to immigrants. The foreigners came in in bad condition, and their death rate was twice what it was among the resident people. Thirty per cent. of the total mortality was due to them.

The Rev. Mr. Brown in charge of a missionary establishment in Ajmere said that in the orphanages alone there were 2,000 deaths due to the condition in which the children were found and the cholera epidemic.

The Famine Secretary for the State of Jodhpur stated that there was scarcity in 1897, but it was not nearly so bad as in 1899. Between 1897 and 1898 they had ten-anna crops. The famine was caused by the entire failure of kharif. They had rabi in 1900 but the country produced very little of that at one time. They had recently introduced irrigation works. Wells could be sunk, but there was not much scope for them. They cost a great deal, and the water after all might turn out to be saline. There were, however, a considerable number of wells in existence, and any extension that did take place in this respect would have to be in those parts of the country near the hills. The Darbar did contemplate of extending them, and had drawn up a programme for the future. The Durbar were obliged to do this itself at its own cost, because, unfortunately, people did not come forward to undertake one of the work themselves. The State would in consequence have to change a water fee where wells were newly sunk in order to recoup itself to some extent. Tagavi was only a thing of recent origin, but had not been very liberal because of the financial position of the Darbar. As a matter of fact they only owned one-seventh of the entire land of the State. The remainder belonged to the Jagirdars. The State had, therefore, very little money to spare for such purposes as tagavi. All they got from the Jagirdars was Rs. 80 per Rs. 1000 and, of course, the service in the form of a sowar contingent.

The President: That is the most important, I suppose.

The whole State was equally distressed in October. People came on the two large works in great numbers. There were 18,00 people on relief then, and by the middle of November there were 29,000. All worked on the task system, but there had a minimum wage. Finally they had eighty village works and ten large works. As things went on and the numbers increased, they foresaw there would be an epidemic, and applied to the Government of India, but the Government had already many applications for medical assistance, and could do nothing for Jodh

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SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE s s Unity, 929 tons, Captain F Hansen, cleared yesterday for Rangoon in ballast.

THE B I S N Co's s s Laura, 3362 tons, Captain H G Craft, sailed yesterday for Antwerp, in ballast.

THE P and O Co's s s Sunda, 2981 tons, Captain Andrews, sailed yesterday for London with a general cargo.

THE B I S N Co's s s Sanora, 2198 tons, Captain, Alexander, arrived in harbour yesterday from Mauritius 26th January, via Colombo, with a cargo of sugar and 12 deck passengers.

THE Asiatic S N Co's s s Nairung, 2,662 tons, Captain W H Edge, which arrived in harbour on Saturday evening, from Calcutta, 13th January, via coast ports, brought a general cargo and 8 deck passengers.

THE Clan Line s s Clan Menzies, 1,653 tons, Captain R G Becks, which arrived in harbour on Sunday, from Glasgow, 5th January, via Liverpool, brought a general cargo. The vessel is consigned to Messrs Finlay Muir and Co.

THE Anchor Line s s Asia, 2366 tons, Captain James Laird, arrived in harbour yesterday from Liverpool, 9th January, with a general cargo and the following passengers:—Mr R Campbell, Mr S Clarke, Mr W Browne, and 3 deck.

THE usual weekly Council Meeting of the Merchant Service Guild, embodying over six thousand Captains and Officers of the Merchant Service was, as a tribute of respect to the dead Queen, abandoned after suitable reference had been made to the calamity which had befallen the nation, and the following telegram was despatched to Sir Francis Knolly's, Mansion House, London:—"Kindly hand the following message to His Majesty:—The Merchant Service Guild as representing the Captains and Officers of the Merchant Service desire to convey to His Majesty the King their respectful condolences together with the sense of their grief at the death of the Queen, whose solicitude for her sailors was so marked."

[REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.]

STEAMERS MOVEMENTS.

PLYMOUTH, FEB. 9.

The P. and O. S. N. Co.'s steamer Ceylon arrived here this morning.

LONDON, FEB. 9.

The B. I. S. N. Co.'s steamer Goorkha left here this morning.

The N. Y. K. steamer Yamaguchi Maru left Singapore for Colombo on 9th instant.

The Messageries Maritimes Co.'s s. s. Indus left Colombo, for Bombay, on Sunday the 10th instant, and she is expected here on Wednesday the 13th instant at 6 a.m.

The Florio and Rubattino Co.'s s.s. Independent left Aden for Bombay, on the 9th instant, at 3 p.m. and is expected to arrive at Bombay on the 15th instant, early in the morning

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, FEB. 9.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed quiet

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The Manchester market has been steady.

2 3-4 per cent. Consols	96 15-16
3 per cent. Rentes	102 1-4
3 1-2 per cent. Sterling Loan	107 1-2
3 1-2 per cent. Rupee Papers	63 5-8
Bar Silver	28 3-16

VESSELS IN DOCKS —FEBRUARY 11.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton	Capt.	Destination	Date.*	Agent
A	Gulf of Trinidad	1,061	Duncanson	Hamburg		F M & Co
C	Dagestan	2212	Tittlenoles	Antwerp	12-2	M M & Co
D	Clan Menzies	1,633	Beckett			F M & Co
H&J	Virawa	1198	McDougall	Zanzibar	16-2	M M & Co
K	Baku Standard	2375	Tucker	Marseilles		E L & Co
N	Oriental	3085	Jephson	Calcutta	13-2	P & O Co
P	Nankin	3969	Benton	China	15-2	P & O Co
Q	W Hall	1912	Diver			T Morrison & Co

HARBOUR WALL.

Mahanadi	547	Fairweather	Karachi	12-2	Shepherd & Co
Saucemah	524	Parkeera	Mangalore	11 2	Do
Ponani	552	Fuckeera	Bhowagger	12-2	Do

VICTORIA DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.*	Agent
3	R Rubattino	3041	Canepa	Genoa	15-2	C Boggiano
5	Flintshire	2176	Dwyer	Dunkirk	14-2	Bombay Co
7	Matin	2433	Archer	Rangoon	15-2	K N & Co
9	Eden Hall	2532	Wilkes	Liverpool	16-2	K N & Co
10	Albano	2433	Kuenebold	Antwerp	19-2	G & Co
12	Persia	4389	Wheeler	Aden	16-2	P & O S N Co
14	Jumara	662	Russell	Karachi	15-2	M M & Co

ARRIVALS.

Feb.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
11	Asia s	Laird	Liverpool, Jan 9
	Buccoora s	Alexander	Mauritius, Jan 26

DEPARTURES.

Feb.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
11	Indrapura s	Hollingsworth	Calcutta
	Ituria s	Croft	Akyab
	Sunda s	Andrews	London

The steamer Unity, Captain Hansen, obtained her port clearance yesterday for Rangoon.

The following vessels entered for loading yesterday:—
Steamer Asia, for Marseilles, Liverpool, &c.
" Persia for Aden.
" Winnington Hall, for London, Hamburg, &c.

DAILY EXPORTS.—FEBRUARY 11.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Aden Hall s—200 bales cotton Forbes Forbes and Co; 2000 cwt oil cake Glade and Co; 1500 cwt myrabollams Kairmalli Joomb and Co; 30 cwt cottonseeds Megjee Vulubdass; 2035 cwt myrabolam Wagjee Bechor; 80 bales wool Doongersee Nagjee; 200 cwt myrabolam Ebjee Gomersey; 162 bales cotton Finlay Muir and Co; 200 bales cotton David Sassoon and Co; 200 bales cotton Gaddum and Co; 3380 cwt myrabollams Wagjee Bechor.

FOR DUNKIRK.

Flintshire s—20 0 cwt ginnelly seed; 1200 bales cotton Volkart Brothers.

FOR MARSEILLES.

Eden Hall s—100 bales cotton Glade and Co; 100 cwt oris roots Baner and Krapse.

FOR HAMBURG.

Gulf of Trinidad s—110 bales cotton Gaddum and Co; 5000 cwt crushed bones Mooljee Jamall; 2001 cwt raised M Ranbhagat; 225 bales himp Parshetam Bhimjee; 600 bales cotton Volkart Brothers; 220 bales cotton A Blechers and Co; 365 bales cotton Glade and Co; 335 bales himp Killick Reeve and Co; 122 cwt gum Govindjee Tolpal; 1000 cwt myrabollams Megjee Oomeresy; 1507 cwt myrabollams N Futehally and Co; 500 cwts buffalo horns Bandilly Esmail; 220 bales cotton Bombay Company; 1950 cwt myrabollams Wagjee Bachar; 140 cwt gum B. Nazar and Co; 500 cwt old copper coins Essajee Tajbhoy; 75 bales cotton Volkart Brothes; 300 bales cotton fly Isaac Wright and Co.

FOR ANTWERP.

Dighestan s—220 bales cotton E Spinner and Co; 37 bales cotton fly N Futehally and Co; 620 cwt myrabollams Ralli Brothers; 70 bales himp curvai and chindy.

FOR GENOA.

R Rubattino s—100 bales cotton Gaddum and Co; 2350 bales cotton Ralli Brothers.

Flintshire s—100 bales cotton Gaddum and Co,

FOR LEGHORN.

R Rubattino s—120 cwt old copper C Boggiano.

BOMBAY LIGHT HORSE.

SQUADRON ORDER.

Bombay, 12th February 1901.

The Squadron will parade at Church Gate Station at 7 a.m. precisely on Wednesday, the 13th instant. Dress—Marching order.

By Order
T. W. CUFF, Capt.,
Commanding, B. L. H.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUTENANT-COLONEL LOUIS P. RUSSELL, COMMANDING B. V. A.

Bombay, 12th February.

1. Parades for the week are as follows:—
No. 1 Company.

To-day, Range Finding. Parade at the Arsenal Gate at 7-45 a.m.

Tuesday and Thursday—10 inch R M L Gun Drill and Squad Drill at the Town Hall Compound at 8-45 p.m.

No. 2 Company.

To-day—Examination for Gun Layers at the Byculla Head-Quarters at 6-45 a.m.

Tuesday and Thursday—10 inch R M L Gun Drill and Squad Drill at the Neutia Road Head-quarters at 8-45 p.m.

Friday—Range Firing at the Bhandarwada Reservoir, Mazagon at 6-45 a.m.

2. There will be Class Firing at Cooria on Saturday next, 16th instant. Dress, Plain Clothes. Trains leave Victoria Terminus at 2-30 3-30 and 5-5 p.m. and Byculla 12 minutes later in each case.

3. There will be Class Firing at Cooria on Wednesday and Friday. Train leaves Victoria Terminus at 6 a.m. and Byculla 6-12 a.m.

By Order,
G. STODDARD, Capt. R A.,
Adjutant, B. V. A.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT-COLONEL E FERRERS NICHOLSON, COMMANDING B V R.

Bombay, 12th February.

1. Lieut-Colonel E Ferrers Nicholson having returned from leave of absence assumes Command of the Corps from this date.

2. There will be Company Drill for "F" Company in the Grant Medical College Grounds at 5 p.m. on Friday next, the 15th instant.

3. There will be Combined Company Drill and Recruits Drill at 5-15 p.m. on Wednesday, the 15th instant on the open space of ground in front of Head Quarters. Members who intend going up for the Proficiency Examination are requested to attend this Drill.

4. Targets will be ready from 7 to 8 a.m. on Friday the 15th instant, at the Revolver Range of the 21st Bombay Infantry (Marine Lines for all Officers and Sergeants who may wish to practice.

5. The Battalion will parade on Saturday next for night operations. The time and place will be notified hereafter.

By Order,
P. H. ROGERS, Captain,
Adjutant B. V. R.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS TWO RUPEES. THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

PALAMPORE.

DEATH.

BALLARD—February 2, at Palampore, Kangra Valley, Annie Ballard, widow of the late Richard Ballard, aged 56 years.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTH.

LEWIS—February 6 at Allahabad, the wife of A H Lewis, of a son, still-born.

MARRIAGES.

FREEMAN—BAINES—February 5, at Christ Church, Simla, by the Rev M C Sanders, Charles Edmund, eldest son of the Rev William Henry Freeman, of Whitwell, Norwich, to Rosa Augusta, third daughter of William Mortimer Baines Esq. of Bell Hall, York, and sister of Hewley Mortimer Baines, Esq, Executive Engineer, P W D Punjab.

NICOLAS—MACDONALD—February 4, at St Paul's Cathedral, Calcutta, by the Rev Canon Luckman, Lieutenant Francis Carminowe Nicolas 7th Bengal Lancers, only son of the late Lieutenant-Colonel F C Nicolas, Royal Artillery, to Adele Annie, only child of the late Alexander Mackenzie Macdonald, of Guns, Darjeeling, and of Mrs Macdonald, of 76, Elsham Road, Kensington, W.

DEATHS.

ANTONIO—February 2, at Calcutta, Annette Jane Antonio, late resident of Allahabad, widow of the late James Andrew Antonio, Sub-Medical Department, aged 58 years, 2 months and 11 days.

GEE—February 4, at Dera Ismail Khan, of pneumonia, Herbert Walter Gee, I C S, Deputy Commissioner.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

*** All communications intended for publication in our columns should be addressed to the editor and not to any individual member of the staff.

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TO SUBDUE THE REBELS.

MUCH progress is evidently not being made in that part of the war which is least glorious but most difficult. There is not much of pride and pomp, if plenty of circumstance, about their prolonged operations against the "marauding bands." Against every little victory scored by our men there is one of the enemy to balance it, and what is more remarkable, these rebels, brigands, freebooters, whatever we call them, appear to grow in number in a most unaccountable way. General Smith Dorrien has defeated Louis Botha and a force of two thousand strong, and we grew exultant yesterday at the news of it. But to-day comes the inevitable other picture to look upon. De Wet, with two thousand five hundred men, encountered and outflanked seven hundred Colonials, who lost heavily and had to beat a precipitate retreat, leaving their "pom-pom" behind them. The scattered handful of men, the diminutive band of incorrigibles of whom we have grown accustomed to speak contemptuously, have a most discomfiting knack of ambushing and pouncing upon unsuspecting parties numerically smaller than themselves and chopping them up. It is very disagreeable both for the parties ambushed and for those of us, who, six months ago, declared that the war was over and were about to enter peacefully and triumphantly into possession of the vast territories we had acquired by force of arms. Little commandos, two and three thousand strong, can, and do, play the very mischief with our enormous forces, and their activity is simply marvellous. Fortunately for the enemy, and most unfortunately for us, these little isolated bands always succeed in evading capture by our ponderous brigades and they still persist in the pernicious habit of laying ambushes, hiding behind rocks and then suddenly vanishing only to reappear where least expected and where least welcome. For our consolation we are told Lord Kitchener manifestly means striking soon. We have been told that before; in fact so frequently that we begin to suspect the words moving and soon have a different meaning in the War Office glossary than is to be found in the ordinary dictionary of commerce. Still we must admit that Lord Kitchener has called for a well mounted force in great haste and there is every reason to believe he will get it.

The force will be well mounted, of that we may be sure, for horses are being purchased on all hands. But whether the force will consist of well seasoned, fully drilled and serviceable men is a question which is open to considerable doubt. Cape Colony, after looking in vain for the arrival of these men has been compelled to enrol ten thousand of its citizens to defend Cape Town till the thirty thousand men asked for are forthcoming. The task they are desired to accomplish is to sweep the invaders from the soil of the Colony and to purge the new Colonies from rebellious hordes, another favourite appellation for De Wet's invincibles. Thirty thousand recruits will be obtained with the utmost ease. Australia is sending three thousand more of her Bushmen, patriotic enthusiasm there having risen to fever heighth. Mr. Hales, that inspiriting war correspondent, has told his countrymen that "a nation is never a nation Worthy of pride or place, Till the mothers have sent their first-born, to look death on the field in the face." Australian workers have sent them, as England is sending them still, for at home patriotism also remains above normal. Thirty thousand? A hundred thousand could be obtained if they were asked. First born! Second, third—a whole family of sons will relinquish their avocations and take up arms—arms that some of them are not yet strong enough to carry. Bombay can scarcely realise the material of which these new forces are composed. But some idea may be gathered by a short drive to the Colaba depot where crowds of newly joined recruits are temporarily lodged, having just arrived by the last transport to fill gaps in India. The average age cannot be much more than eighteen, and quite eighty per cent. have chins still innocent of the razor. When the mail left the Earl of Scarborough had gathered together at Doncaster a smart collection of bare-faced school-boys, articled pupils and others who cannot legitimately be termed apprentices, and therefore claimed by their employers. Lads tenderly bred and nurtured are now on their way to give chase to, and stand up against, the fittest of the Boer army, the men whom neither hardship nor privation has impaired, men who can live on dried biltong or soaked saddle-flap. Yet they are full of patriotism and for months their own comment on British reverses has been "Wish I were out there, I wouldn't surrender" "Them Boers'll cop it now," exclaimed the little street urchin, "Faver's gone to the war and taken his strap." It is the same spirit of patriotism which is filling South African hospitals. Every man and every youth believes the one thing necessary to bring the war to a satisfactory termination is his own presence. And that is why Lord Kitchener will find himself hampered with troops which cannot do his work, for while they will enlist for the War they will not enlist for general service.

The one hopeful sign in the aspect of affairs in the South African colonies is the position taken up by the more enlightened Burghers, who are now endeavouring to induce their brothers still in arms to submit. By contributing copies of the Commander-in-Chief's proclamations and by writing in the Colonial press they seek truthfully to represent to them the precise situation and the fact that all hope for mediation has fled. One of these, a Transvaal Burgher, in the columns of a Cape Dutch paper, gives his views on this prolonged resistance. He declaims against "one ignorant masterful old Boer, who cannot write his name properly, misleading many sensible and good men and actually stirring the whole civilised world to its very depths." He refuses to believe that the educated people of his country could ever honestly have joined in resisting the British. True patriotism, says he, can only take root and grow "when the cause calling it forth is an honourable, just and righteous one. The evils, injustice, and corruption of the Boer Government were so notoriously known to all intelligent men and women in the land that no one with any self-respect was justified in defending it. I suppose the savage instinct inherent in the best of men and women will break out when incited by any great emergency, and blind them to all the dictates of reason, justice or common sense. My sympathies go out longingly to the genuine Burghers, and I would that it were in my power to help them to abandon the dangerous and fatuous course so many of them still seem determined to pursue. I wish I could make them understand the indescribable suffering and misery it must necessarily entail upon them if they persist in it, but how to do it is the difficulty." However, he tries to indicate one direction in which efforts may be made. Firebrands and mischief-mongers continue to incite and mislead the men who remain under arms, and the Burgher who writes, suggests that if Dutch Reformed ministers, who have hitherto helped to keep the ball rolling, could be brought to recognise that their clear duty is to exercise all the influence they possess—and it is considerable—in the interests of peace, and set about it with a will, we ought soon to see the end of the trouble. But these gentlemen decline to stir, cherishing the hope that the Dutch element may predominate, not only in the Transvaal and the Orange River State, but also in Cape Colony, and it appears that the culpable neglect for these many years past of these Dutch ministers (or perhaps it would be more correct to say of the majority of them), to instil principles of loyalty and truth into the minds of their people, and to make them teach their children those principles, has been inexcusable on their part, and to-day makes it difficult for the establishment of an effective start in this direction. Efforts are to be made to prevail upon them to fulfil their legitimate mission as messengers of peace.

DE WET AS NAPOLEON.

ACCORDING to some correspondents of the South African newspapers, the real obstacles to the ending of the war are the vanity of De Wet and the stubbornness of ex-President Steyn. Christian De Wet, it is stated, has come to regard himself as on a level with Napoleon. His continued success in evading capture and executing surprising flanking movements will not lessen his personal estimation of his prowess while he will be still the less disposed to follow the advice of his brother Piet and others of the Peace Committee, who are trying to end the war. Piet De Wet voluntarily gave himself up soon after the surrender of Prinsloo. He got away from Sabbert's Nek with his brother, but when they reached Lindley, having had enough of fighting, Piet improved upon his Napoleonic brother's methods and executing a strategic movement he and others withdrew from Christian's force. They rode to Kroonstad, where they surrendered to the British and where they established the Central Peace Committee with Piet De Wet as chairman. The appeal which that Committee issued to the Africanders of Cape Colony is reproduced in the South African papers to hand. Having fought for one flag in South Africa and lost, and England having definitely announced that she will not restore the independence of the two Republics, they urge that the position should be accepted. It is hopeless to expect that Britain can be induced in any wise to give back the independence which the late Republics have thrown away; and the Committee appeal to the Colonists to aid in bringing to an end the unhappy state of affairs which has brought ruin and misery upon the country. In the most gloomy words they picture the calamities which have come upon South Africa and the greater misfortunes that will follow if peace be not speedily restored. It was the sympathy of the Dutch in the North of Cape Colony that encouraged the enemy to make their raids across the border. It is true that few of the Colonists joined the raiders, restrained undoubtedly by the rigour of martial law. But the Burghers had hopes of Colonial assistance which were founded by the Worcester Congress. The Peace Committee condemned that Congress and most earnestly besought the Africander to do nothing which would encourage the belligerents to prolong their hopeless struggle. They appointed delegates to visit De Wet and Steyn but unfortunately the deputation did not proceed openly with terms to the leaders and aroused the anger of the Boer General by attempts to undermine the loyalty of his men. A mission carried out on those lines is most perilous and the penalty for the man who undertakes it wherever he is caught is death. General De Wet captured three of the unofficial peace "envoys" who were going about seeking to induce his men to desert and he punished them. They were all three sentenced to be shot, but in two cases the sentence was commuted to whipping, while the third man was first whipped and afterwards executed. We cannot expect to have any calm and impartial explanation of why the extreme penalty, commuted in two instances, should have been exacted in the third; but we must be fair even to the enemy. Meanwhile the guerilla warfare shows no sign of drawing to a close, but that should not occasion surprise for many historic parallels prove that it will continue until the inspiring genius of the struggle be captured or slain.

THE CONSERVATISM OF BRITISH MANUFACTURERS.

MR. JOHN BURNS has written an article for the February number of the "Nineteenth Century", with regard to the apathy of British manufacturers and the apparent indifference with which they permit themselves to be beaten by foreign competitors. One of the London dailies—the "Express"—has sought to show that owing to the apathy and prejudice of British traders our commerce is gradually diminishing—a suggestion Mr. Burns combats. One of Mr. Chamberlain's first acts on his appointment as Colonial Secretary was to institute a searching enquiry into the extent of the displacement of British by foreign goods in the Colonial and Indian markets during the decade ending in 1894. The result showed that British goods were being ousted to the extent of 38 per cent. of their value. The "Express" quotes from the 1895 Commissioners' report:—"British packing is bad, and goods are damaged in transit; British finish is bad, so bad sometimes as to damn the goods on sight; no heed is taken of the requirements or the conditions of the markets or the people; the British manufacturer makes what he chooses, and if his Colonial customers reject it, takes no further trouble in the matter." As a result, British Consuls were asked to pay particular attention to the progress of British and foreign trade, paying regard to our own and our rivals' methods. The consuls reported, with a unanimity which was startling, that the constant complaint everywhere was one of the unwillingness of British merchants to meet local requirements, or to depart from antiquated methods which foreign competition has rendered obsolete. The authority quoted states that sooner than make sewing machines with an arm slightly higher than usual, to meet the taste of the Japanese, they practically threw the whole of the sewing machine trade of Japan into the hands of the Germans, who have no such delicate scruples. Austria, Greece and several other continental countries urged the uselessness of sending out catalogues in English only with English prices, weights and measures, and travellers without even a smattering of any continental language. Our Russian consuls have urged the necessity for making agricultural implements light and cheap, but the advice has been unheeded, and the trade is exclusively with America. Mr. Woodhouse, our Riga consul, has stated that for every English commercial traveller met in Russia there were to be found at least thirty Germans, three Austrians and two Frenchmen. It is, unfortunately, a fact that much of the indictment is true, and that British traders have diverted much of the commerce with the great markets of the world to other industrial nations. There is no need for alarm; on the contrary, out of all the discussions which have ensued on this subject good will come, but Mr. Burns has to face many statements which are undoubtedly true.

BY general request a meeting of the Ladies of Bombay will be held at the Town Hall on Friday the 15th instant at 5-30 p.m., under the Presidency of their Excellencies the Governor and Lady Northcote, to consider the question of raising a Womens' Memorial to her late Majesty the Queen Empress. Arrangements will be made for purda ladies.

MESSRS. CLARIDGE AND CO., have just issued a work as a souvenir of Her Majesty's reign entitled "IN MEMORY OF VICTORIA QUEEN AND EMPRESS." It is the only publication of the kind yet issued in India, and comes out with commendable promptitude. It is bound in mourning colours, and bears on the cover an imprint of Her Majesty as she was in 1837 and in 1901. The contents are a succinct account of the reign, printed on fine paper, the work being also illustrated with twenty high-class reproductions of various celebrated pictures, photographs of the Queen or her surroundings, representative of different periods of her glorious rule. The price in embossed cover is Rs. 3-8, in quarter-bound leather Rs. 2-8, and in paper Re. 1-0. Gujerathi, Marathi, Urdu and Tamil editions will follow in still cheaper series. Half of the profits of the sale of this work will be devoted to the Building Fund of the Women's Ward of St. George's Hospital, a timely and appropriate help on the part of Messrs. Claridge & Co.

SIR GEORGE WOLSELEY is likely to proceed on eight months' leave shortly.

THE Calcutta Polo Tournament begins on Monday. Four-local teams only will compete.

THE Government offices will close in Calcutta on March 27th, and re-open in Simla on April 1st.

ABOUT Rs. 1,70,000 is being provided in the military estimates on account of the Waziri blockade in the coming year.

SIXTEEN and a half lakhs have been included in the Budget estimates on account of the occupation of Chitral and its communications for next year.

THE recent rain in parts of the Punjab, the N.-W. P. and Oudh, has injured the crops, rust having appeared, but no very serious mischief so far has been done.

THE report of the Select Committee on the Assam Labour and Emigration Bills will be presented to the Viceroy's Legislative Council on the 22nd instant, and the measures will come up for disposal early in March.

INDIGO, being sown only on irrigated land in the Punjab, did not suffer much from last year's drought, and when it is stated that this year's indigo sowings are 19 per cent. more extensive than last year's, a real increase is to be understood.

DR. HATCH, the mining expert who has been examining the gold-bearing districts of Southern India, is now to visit the Chota Nagpur region. His report on the auriferous strata in India will shortly be submitted to Government.

SANCTION has been accorded to the grouping of the Punjab Light Horse with the Dehra Dun Mounted Rifles for the purpose of the appointment of an Adjutant whose services will be available to the two corps during the drill season of each.

THERE are still 214,000 persons on relief in India, and it is a somewhat peculiar fact that small increases in the numbers receiving assistance have been reported during the last week from all quarters where distress is still extant. The numbers now on relief show an increase of nearly 5,000 over the total of the previous week.

OWING to the heavy floods which the monsoon brought into the lower districts of the Punjab, the total area now ascertained to be under sesamum in the Punjab is the lowest yet on record, being 23 per cent. short of the quinquennial average. But though sowings were small, the outturn is relatively large—at any rate it is 17 per cent. in excess of last year when drought prevailed.

THE eminent French tourists and the writers on the Zoroastrian religion, Madame and Miss Menant, arrived at Ahmedabad on the 6th and were the guests of Mr. C. N. S. Ginwalla. After a stay of two days they left for Rajkot. During their stay they visited the old building at Bhadar, Juma Musjid and the Queen Sispri' Mosque, and were much impressed with the buildings.

THE weekly statement of plague in the province dated the 5th February, shows a falling off. In Jullundur district there have been no fresh cases or deaths. In Gurdaspur district there were 10 cases and 7 deaths in the villages of Ghamrola Khas, Jhunbiyan Gujran, Pird Brahmanan, Khattbi and Badda Pind, all in the Shakargarh "tahsil." In Sialkot district there were four cases and one death in the villages of Sakrar, Kingre and Lahri Khalan, in the Zafarwal "tahsil."

THE QUEEN-EMPRESS MEMORIAL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—I need hardly make an apology for following up my letter published in your issue of Monday last with a few further remarks on the subject of the Queen-Empress Memorial. It is well that the Victoria Memorial Committee in Bombay have resolved to limit the funds to a local memorial. Although a number of suggestions have been made, no decision has as yet been arrived at, as to what ultimate shape the memorial should assume. There is little doubt that in the face of the distress in the country, endowments, whose object is charity, cannot be looked upon as mere sentiment. But there is equal truth and more force in the fact, considering the main object of the memorial, that what we need most is some tangible testimony that should bring home to the masses the good name and deeds of the glorious Queen. That this should be so, we have the emphatic and eloquent word of His Excellency the Viceroy. Looking to the variety in the population of this Presidency, its many classes and creeds, is it possible in the nature of things that an endowment could be founded which in its workings would embrace the conflicting interests of all classes and all denominations? Hindus, Mahomedans, Parsis, Christians and the Native Princes will each claim, as in justice entitled, the fruits of the endowment fund which their contributions have helped to be raised, and how are all these sectional demands to be answered? At the same time the utmost that the Memorial Fund could be expected to amount to would be, with the aid of the princes in this Presidency, about eight or ten lakhs, and these invested in Government paper would yield an annual interest of 35,000 rupees. Now it needs little effort to realise that this sum when it comes to be divided among those that claim under the endowment will be so insignificant that it will hardly be worth the name of the Queen's Bounty. Our late Sovereign had, indeed, the happiness of her subjects at heart, and if she had the super-human power, she would have made the whole world happy. A memorial arch such as the Arc de Triomphe de l'Etoile or Arc de Triomphe du Carrousel in Paris, though to my mind the most worthy monument of the Queen, would, I apprehend, be beyond the means of this Presidency. A great deal has been said as to what, under the circumstances, should be the most appropriate form of memorial to Her Majesty. Let us follow the example of the Queen herself and the English nation in a matter like this. When her royal husband, as good and great in his virtues as Her Majesty herself, died, the nation desired to raise a suitable memorial to his memory, and we have the Albert Memorial raised near the site of the Great Exhibition of 1851 with the express approval of the Queen, who has herself contributed a handsome sum towards the cost of its erection. The monument is said to be on of the most magnificent in the world. It cost £1,50,000 including a grant by Parliament of £50,000. I take the following from a description of the memorial. It was a design of the late Sir Gilbert Scott, and consists of a Gothic cross and canopy under which is a colossal gilt sedant statue of the Prince, 15 feet high, by Foley. Around the base of the memorial is a series of life-size figures and portraits of the great men of all ages. Marble groups representing Agriculture, Industry, Commerce and Architecture are carved at each angle of the massive pedestal, while on the steps there are sculptured representations of the great divisions of the world, Europe, Asia, Africa and America. Around the canopy is the inscription in blue mosaic upon a gilt ground: "Queen Victoria and her people to the memory of Albert, Prince Consort as a tribute of their gratitude for a life devoted to the public good."

A structure such as the above, raised in our city with the necessary modifications, which would considerably reduce its cost, and a fitting inscription would be the best witness of the Victorian Era in India, and of the many winning attributes of Her Majesty as woman and Queen. Its effect and influence on the minds of the masses can be imagined when the origin, progress, development and the triumphs of her rule in this country are emblematically set forth by figures and representations, foremost among which no doubt will be the Proclamation of 1858, which the Viceroy described as the golden guide for British rule in India. Such a monument would strike the imagination, and hold before the peoples' eye the nation's history in a nutshell. If such a memorial is to be worthy of the great Queen whose memory it will perpetuate, and worthy of the great city where it will stand to all posterity, it must necessarily call for large funds; and if Bombay does not act up to its credited reputation on such a worthy object, it must stake its claims to be called the second city in the Empire and the first city in India—urbs primus in Indis.—Yours, etc.,

DOSABHOY FRAMJI.

Paddar Road, February 11.

BOMBAY MUSICAL UNION.

WE notice with pleasure that the Bombay Musical Union are arranging one very pleasant concert, this time in aid of the "Bombay branch of the Countess of Dufferin's Fund" in response to the appeal recently made by Her Excellency Lady Northcote, who takes so keen an interest in promoting this admirable work. The concert will be given at the Town Hall on Saturday the 16th March next, under the patronage of H. E. Lady Northcote, and we hear that a very excellent programme is being prepared, in which many leading Bombay Amateur Musicians will take part.

INDIAN CROP PROSPECTS.

HYDERABAD COTTON.

THE following is the second forecast of the cotton crop in the Nizam's Territory of the season 1900-1901:—

The area under cotton in 1900-1901 is estimated at 1,098,836 acres or an increase of 31·5 per cent. over the area sown in the preceding year. The rains in the early part of the monsoon were so seasonable that a large tract of the land was brought under cultivation. They were late, however, in October, and the cotton sown with the spring crops did not receive a sufficient supply of rain. In the Aurangabad division which has the largest cotton area in the Territory, the sudden cessation of the winter rains did not allow the crop to thrive, and hence it is very probable that the actual yield may be less than the estimate now arrived at, namely, 88,528 bales. But the cotton crop of 1900-1901 is an improvement over that of the preceding year. Based on the present estimate the average yield per acre, is expected to be 20·8 pounds of cotton.

LAW AND COMMON SENSE.

WHETHER would you rather be a greater fool than you look, or look a greater fool than you are is one of the traps which lovers of quips and cranks and wanton wiles are wont to lay for ingenuous youth. One of the appellants who appeared in the Allahabad High Court on Friday is probably at this time chewing the cud of this alternative. He was a young man who had put in an application to be be declared of age and capable of managing his own affairs, and the application had been refused by the lower court. In the High Court for a time all went well. The youth himself was absent, but as the matter evolved itself under the arguments of counsel and the comments of the Bench, it seemed as if he must win his case. Then it occurred to somebody to suggest that the Court might wish to see the young man who was thus anxious to assume as early as possible the responsibilities of his position. With his appearance, clad in the head-gear and leg-gear of the East, but with the collar, necktie, and frockcoat of the West, vacuously vain and vainly vacuous, the aspect of affairs changed. The Bench looked and tittered, as far as a Bench can do anything so undignified, and the learned Chief Justice remarked to the appellant's counsel that his client's appearance was certainly not suggestive of capacity. The counsel admitted that there was no indecent exhibition of intellect but, he argued, a person might not necessarily be a fool though he looked like one. Whereupon the Chief Justice generalised weightily. No doubt there might be exceptions, but as a practical rule it was safe in the affairs of life to assume that if a man looked a hopeless fool, he was a fool. In fact, it is an unflattering commentary on the intelligence of poor humanity that, while it is unsafe to assume that a man who does not look a fool is wise, it is quite safe to assume that a man who loo

TELEGRAMS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

COLONIALS OUT-FLANKED BY DE WET.

LONDON, FEB. 11.

Reuter wires from East London that 2,500 Boers under De Wet were retiring before Pilcher, when they encountered and out-flanked 700 Colonials at Tabaksberg on the 30th January. The Colonials lost heavily and abandoned their "pom-pom" but succeeded in rejoining Knox.

This affair, which until now has not been mentioned, helps to explain De Wet breaking South.

The Boers retiring before Pilcher decoyed the Colonials into an ambush in the Tabaksberg hills midway between Bloemfontein and Smaldeel. The "pom-pom" which was captured had got jammed.

[It is pretty generally known that there are two commanders in South Africa named Knox. One—General W. G. Knox, who took part in the defence of Ladysmith—is a man of many campaigns; but General Charles Edward Knox is seeing active service practically for the first time, though he took part in Sir Charles Warren's bloodless Bechuana Campaign in 1884. General C. E. Knox was brought up in the old 85th Regiment which has since been linked with the 53rd and is now known as the King's Shropshire Light Infantry. Knox rose to command it just ten years ago after twenty-five years' service. He was serving as Colonel of a regimental district at Bodmin when he was selected at the end of last year for brigade command, that of the Thirteenth Brigade which was one of those that made up the Sixth Division, the first reinforcement under General Kelly-Kenny sent out to South Africa. Knox's Brigade consisted of the Buffs, the 2nd Gloucesters, the West Riding Regiment and the First Oxford Light Infantry. The sixth was a stalwart division commanded by an intrepid, strong-willed soldier whose Lieutenants, Knox and Stephenson, were as eager and tireless as their chief, and they have since shown it to the full. It was Knox's Brigade which caught up Cronje's rear guard and contributed largely to the investment at Paardeberg.]

CASUALTIES IN SOUTH AFRICA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JAN. 11.

29th January, 2nd Durham Light Infantry—killed Lieutenant Way; 1st Essex, Severely wounded—Major Copeman, R. H. and Captain H. J. Brock, Field Artillery. Missing—(believed prisoner) Lieutenant Palmer.

31st January, Imperial Yeomanry—killed Lieutenant G. Green, slightly wounded Captain Magniac. 2nd South Wales Borderers—dangerously wounded Lieutenant Crawley, wounded (since dead) Civil Surgeon W. L. J. Walters. Imperial Yeomanry—prisoner, Lieutenant G. H. S. Fowke.

1st February, Bethune's Mounted Infantry—accidently killed Captain G. Webster.

2nd February R. G. A. slightly wounded, 2nd Lieutenant J. Ormrod. 18th Hussars—wounded(since dead) Lieutenant Cawston. 1st Kings Royal Rifles—dangerously wounded, Lieutenant Raade.

3rd February—Bushmens' Australian Contingent, dangerously wounded Lieutenant J. Dempey.

6th February—Imperial Yeomanry, slightly wounded Lieutenant Walmer.

Deaths from Disease, 1st February—14th Hussars, 2nd Lieutenant Hon H. Robertson fractured his skull.

3rd February—Cape Pioneers, Railway Regiment, Major T. R. Dodd.

4th February—3rd Grenadier Guards Lieutenant J. Mag.

PLAGUE AT THE CAPE.

So far there have been ten cases of plague at Capetown, of which one was a white man.

FEB. 11.

Thirteen cases and two deaths from plague have taken place at Capetown up to the 10th instant.

ANTI-CLERICAL RIOTS IN SPAIN.

Serious anti-clerical disturbances have taken place in Spain. The Papal Nuncio and also Count Caserta, whose son Carlos marries the Princess of Asturias on the 14th instant, were hooted and stoned.

THE DUKE OF YORK'S HEALTH.

LONDON, FEB 11.

The Duke of York is better and has returned to London.

FRENCH LOOT IN CHINA.

The loot taken by the French in China which was sent to France will be reshipped at Toulon tomorrow and restored to the Chinese Government.

NEW ZEALAND CONTINGENT FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

The Seventh New Zealand contigent of 300 men leaves in a month for South Africa to relieve the time expired men. Other reliefs will follow.

ITALIAN SQUADRON TO VISIT FRANCE.

A powerful Italian Squadron will visit Toulon on the 7th April on the occasion of President Loubet's visit there.

THE COUNTESS OF DUFFERIN'S FUND.

In commemoration of Her Majesty the Queen-Empress, the late Patron of the Association, an appeal to the people of India for funds to further certain aims and objects of the National Association for providing female medical aid to the Women of India has been issued by Lady Curzon. It runs:—

The Central Committee have already placed on record their deep sorrow at the death of the patron of the Association, and, as a mark of respect to Her Majesty's memory, the general annual meeting usually held in Calcutta has been cancelled. Being therefore deprived of the chief opportunity afforded me of publicly appealing for assistance, I now do so through the press.

Few people, I think, are aware of how keen a personal interest the Queen-Empress has always taken in affairs relating to this movement. Its existence was due to Her Majesty's initiative. She has annually presented gold and silver medals to students at the chief universities in India, and has on several occasions been personally addressed on questions connected with the policy of the Association.

A matter in which the Queen-Empress took a special interest, and which the Duffesin Fund has up to the present been unable to sufficiently encourage owing to lack of funds, and regarding which about eighteen months ago she telegraphed me her hope that we should be able to promote its success, was the training of a greater number of native midwives to work in zenanas. Her Majesty fully realised the difficulty of persuading the women of this country to leave their homes, and was always anxious that we should encourage trained midwives to practise in the outlying districts.

I now hope, if it is possible, to establish an endowment fund, the interest accruing from which shall be solely used in forming "Queen-Empress" or "Victorin" scholarships to training native midwives of suitable caste in the hospitals or schools which lie nearest to the localities in which they would be ultimately engaged. I feel sure that there will be many persons who would like to help in founding these scholarships, and to contribute to an object which Her Majesty was known to have very much at heart and which will do much to relieve the suffering women in India. The fact that I have received numerous testimonies of the grief felt by the women of this country at the death of their beloved Sovereign leads me to issue this special appeal in the hope that it will meet with their sympathy. It may be in the power of some native ladies of position and influence to give me their assistance by organizing the collection of subscriptions for the above named object.

All contributions may be forwarded to me personally and will be duly acknowledged, and I shall be grateful to any persons, European or Indian, who will lend their help in the various provinces and cities.

MARY CURZON.

THE "PIONEER" AND PROBABLE APPOINTMENTS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT).

CALCUTTA, FEB. 11.

The "Pioneer's" story of the probable appointments to fill the post of Commander-in-Chief and Military Members of the Viceroy's and India Councils, has received no confirmation officially, and appears to be only a mere guess, though a probable one.

BHURTPORE I. S. INFANTRY.

The Bhurtpore Imperial Service Infantry will proceed to Poona on the 25th inst.

MILITARY NEWS.

The wound pension of £70 granted to Captain J. A. Hannyton, 29th Bombay Infantry, is to be continued for another year.

The Royal Indian Marine steamer Elphinstone arrived on Tuesday in port with the Chief Commissioner of Port Blair.

The Bhurtpore Infantry are likely to be the regiment selected from the Imperial Service Troops for garrison duty in Poona.

Lieutenant-Colonel TOWER, R. E., has been transferred from the Bengal to the Bombay Command as Commanding Royal Engineer, Sind District.

The General Officer Commanding, Presidency District, accompanied by one Staff Officer, will proceed to Jalpaiguri on inspection duty on the 7th February.

Lieutenant-Colonel T. C. PEARS, Resident at Gwalior, officiates as Resident in Nepal for Colonel W. Loch, who is leaving India next week on medical certificate.

Major-General Burnett, Commanding the Poona District, will officiate as Lieutenant-General Commanding Madras, during General Sir G. B. Wolseley's absence on leave this summer.

Brigadier-General Sir Reginald Hart will complete his five years' tenure of the command of the Belgaum District on March 2nd, but will continue to officiate in command of the Quetta District.

Provision is being made in the forthcoming budget for a continuance of sea trips next year for convalescent British soldiers, as these short voyages have proved most beneficial to the men during the past.

The question of the composition of the two new Native Infantry Regiments is now under the consideration of the Government. It is to be hoped the suggestion that one should be a railway battalion, will be adopted.

The start of the Somaliland Expedition under Captain Swayne has taken some time, as the local levies now in course of formation have had to be equipped and given some rough and ready training in musketry and simple drill. The 600 men enrolled are said to be very good material for fighting purposes, and they have shown much aptitude in learning the use of the breech-loading rifles with which they have been armed. About a score of British officers will accompany the column when it starts, and the levies will thus lack nothing in the way of leader-ship.

THE following arrangements are, the *Pioneer* understands, likely to be made in connection with the high military appointments that have so long remained unsettled:—Lord Kitchener will remain in command in South Africa until the Boer resistance is overcome, and then will take up either the Adjutant-Generalship or the Quartermaster-Generalship at home. The post of Commander-in-Chief in India will go to the British service, the Duke of Connaught in all probability being the officer selected. Sir Power Palmer will then be appointed to the India Council to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Sir Donald Stewart; and Sir E. Collen, will remain for another year as Military Member of the Viceroy's Council.

The Government of India, in reviewing the annual report of the Civil Veterinary Department, for 1899-1900, note that 1,613 remounts were secured for Native Cavalry, or a larger number then usual. It is, however, added that the Remount Department was no more successful than in the past in finding animals suitable for British Cavalry, and the reports received from regiments on the countrybred horses in their ranks are not encouraging. These and other kindred matters noticed in the report will receive the careful consideration of the Commission recently appointed to investigate in all its aspects the entire question of horse-breeding in India, with particular reference to the production of suitable remounts.

THANA NEWS.

OUR local correspondent, writing on Sunday, says:—Mr. Pestonji Hormasji Patuk, B.A., L.C.E., received charge of the office of the Executive Engineer, Thana District, on Tuesday last. Rao Saheb Dattatraya Narayen Nadkarni, Head Clerk to the Collector of Thana, has been appointed Mahalkari and Second Class Magistrate of Mokhada in Shapoor Taluka from the 1st instant.

Srimant Baba Saheb Sakharam Dashmookh of Sirasi, who died last week, was a stanch friend of Mahratta Samaj of Thana, and was a member of the District Local Board, Thana, and also of the Taluka Local Board of Moorbad. He was much respected and liked by all classes of men in the Northern Konkan. Baba Saheb very generously fed more than one hundred people of aboriginal tribes daily, during the prevalence of famine in the Thana District.

Mr. Nasarwanjee Cooverjee Darookhanawalla has generously given a donation of Rs. 10 to the school funds and promissed to pay a monthly subscription of Rs. 2 to the school established by the East Indian Association at Andheri in Salsete. Messrs. M. De Souza and B. De Mello have given monthly subscriptions of Re. 1 each to the school.

On account of taking the census on March 1st the Municipal election (for the triennial term) will be held on the 7th idem in the Thana District.

The daily average number of persons relieved gratituously in 18 villages (20 less than in the previous week) in the Thana District during the past week was as follows:—Men 14, women 19 and children 39. The average price of rice (food-grain), second sort, is 18lbs. per rupee, that of Rangoon rice is 20lbs. per rupee.

About a dozen thatched huts belonging to Lallia Hirla Mahar and others caught fire and were burnt down in Utalsar on Sunday last. Messrs. Wellis and Kelley exerted themselves in extinguishing the fire from spreading in all the Maharwadas. The property destroyed is estimated at about Rs. 250. The cause of the fire is not, as yet, known.

A Coolie woman named Ganga was tried by the City Magistrate of Thana for stealing a basket of sweetmeat, belonging to Dadoo Doodhwalla, from his mandap in Tembi on Sunday last, and sentenced to a week's rigorous imprisonment.

Four births (two females and two males) and thirty-two deaths (including four from plague) were registered in the town of Thana during the past week. There were two cases and two deaths from plague at Andheri (re-infected) in the Thana Taluka during the same period. Owing to the prevalence of plague in Kalwa near Thana, the inhabitants there have left their places and gone to reside in the villages of Khari and Anjoor about the Parsick Hill.

The camp of Mr. J. P. Orr, Collector and District Magistrate of Thana, is at present at Ghodbunder in Salsette (Thana).

THE BILLIARD CHAMPION IN BOMBAY.

At the Elphinstone Cricket Club, last night, Mr. John Roberts played a game of biliards of 1,000 up before a large gathering of members and their guests. The game was keenly watched and the finishing strokes elicited loud applauses. Mr. Roberts' opponent was Mr. J. E. Saklatvalla, who was conceded 650 points. Mr. Saklatvalla "broke" and though he did not expect to secure success over his adversary, played a consistent game. When Mr. Roberts stood at 360, his opponent had run up his score to 821. The Champion then with all-round play raised his score to 799, his highest breaks being 65 and 75, when Mr. Saklatvalla carried his score to 922. At this stage the game appeared more in favour Mr. Saklatvalla who had to get only 79 points to win the contest. But Mr. Roberts with a break of 201—an unprecedented break in his present tour in India—finished the game, thus winning the contest. It may be stated that Mr. Saklatvalla made a better show than any amateurs in Bombay have hitherto made. At the conclusion of the game Mr. Roberts and the guests were treated to a recherche supper.

SPORT IN ENGLAND.

THE HUNTING SEASON.

NOTES ON FOOTBALL MATCHES.

PARLIAMENTARY GOLF HANDICAP.

LONDON, JAN. 25.

FROST, fog, and heavy gales combined to interfere with sport last week, and with the season wearing on hunting men are beginning to grumble at these constant interruptions. The news that ill-health has obliged Mr. H. R. Corbet to resign the Mastership of the South Cheshire Hounds will be received with general regret. When the Cheshire country was divided in 1877 he assumed controll of the southern portion, the late Captain Park Yates becoming Master of the northern division. For eleven years prior to 1877 Mr. Corbet hunted the single pack, and has thus been continuously in office for a period of thirty-four years, a record which cannot be equalled by any Master of Foxhounds in England. In 1881 and 1882 the late Empress of Austria hunted regularly with the South Cheshire, and expressed her thanks to Mr. Corbet for the many good runs she had enjoyed. During the first season she was pioloted by the late Captain "Bay" Middleton, and the following year by Colonel Rivers Bulkeley. The Empress was always splendidly mounted, was a finished and courageous horsewoman, and never failed to follow where her pilots showed the way. Mr. Corbet was a most capable and popular Master, and has been presented by the members of the hunt with a valuable service of plate in recognition of his services. The resignation of Mr. Russell, Master of the Vine Hounds, is reported, but possibly he may be induced to reconsider his decision. Persistent rumours are being circulated about Captain Burns Hartopp and the Mastership of the Quorn, but at present he has no intension of resigning. He is making a wonderful recovery from the very severe injuries he received, and there is very hope that he will be in the saddle again next season. His retirement would be a great loss to quornites and hunting men generally, for he has shown coss picuous ability and gained universal popularity since he took over the command from Lord Lonsdale. The accident to the Duchess of Marlborough last week has been much exaggerated. Her horse came down at a fence in the course of a run with the Heythrop hounds, but the Duchess escaped with trifling injuries and, remounting, rod on for several miles until she met her carriage on the occassion of his retirement from the Mastership of the Queen's Buckhounds, the Earl of Coventry is to be entertained at a dinner given by the landowners, farmers, and followers of the hunt.

A boisterous wind and torrents of rain did not hinder a large field from assembling at Piper Hole to meet Sir Gilbert Greenall and the Belvoir foxhounds. Among those present, riding or on wheels, were Lady Greenall (Sir Gilbert was only married in the autumn), the Duchess of Newcastle, Lady Gerard, Lady Hartopp, the Duke of Roxburghe, Princess Demidoff, Hon. F. Lambton, Hon. Lancelot and Mrs. Lowther, Major Bradford Atkinson Lord Cowley, and Captain and Mrs. W. de Winton. After chopping a fox in the Harby hills hounds succeeded in ejecting another, and hunted him briskly to Holwell Mouth, soon afterwards marking him to ground. Sherbrooke's covert responded with a stout fox which stood up before the pack for nearly an hour and a half, eventually effecting its escape at Wartnaby Stone Pits. The line was by Parson's Thorns, in the Quorn territery, and nearly to kinculton Wood; back to Sherbrooke's and across the vale to the Stone Pits—a capital run only marred by the disagreeable weather. Friday witnessed a meet of the Woodland Pytchley at Loddington, in the Pytchley country; the field included followers of either pack and both Lord Southampton, master of the Woodland Pytchley, and Mr. Broughton, of the Pytchley, were present. A fox was forthcoming in a spinney near Mawsley Wood, and, although not of the straight-necked variety, he furnished opportunity for a fast gallop and plenty of jumping before being marked to ground near the covert whence he came. A ring from Blue Covert had a similar ending, and then from Scotland Wood hounds got away with a fox—not on the best of terms. Scent improved after passing Kelmarsh, and the pace was undeniable, as with plenty of drive the pack hunted their quarry to Short Wood. Checking for a minute or two, hounds recovered the line, and held on up to Faxton Corner, where a fine run that had lasted for about an hour came to a conclusion. The heavy going was responsible for a good many empty saddles, and, although hounds ran fast at times, scent was catchy.

A regrettable incident occurred on the occasion of the Meath hounds meeting at Dunboyne last week. While drawing a covert two hounds were suddenly seized with symptoms of poisoning and died in a few minutes. Fearing further casualties of a similar nature, Mr. John Watson, the master, at once ordered the pack to be taken home. It is not supposed that the poisoning was intentional, as Mr. Watson is popular in the neighbourhood, but it shows how dangerous is the practice of laying down poison in woods that are liable to be visited by hounds.

Football interest at the 'Varsities this term will naturally centre upon Association doings. The inter-'Varsity tussel is fixed for February 16th, hence "Captains" Blackburn (Oxford) and Blaker (Cambridge) have little time to lose. The teams finished up last term with the following records:—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.
Oxford	9	4	5	0	21	23
Cambridge	10	6	4	0	23	18

Moreover, the Cantabs were a good deal forrader re. the "survival of the fittest" then the Oxonians, which was exactly the case in 1900. Those who presume unduly on this however, must not forget the sequel at Queen's Club! The Oxonians re-open this afternoon on their new ground, v. Mr. A. T. B. Dunn's XI., and the Light Blues at Queens Club on Wednesday next, against the same team. These matches will afford an excellent criterion of up-to-date strength, etc., and shall receive critical comment next week. On Friday next, Oriel (holders) and Wocester will meet in the re-played final tie of the O.U.A.F.C. Challenge Cup Competition. If the ground is very heavy the last-named may again make a good fight of it; but, in any case, Oriel should retain the trophy.

Both Rugby teams have a further big fixture-list to get through: albeit these matches will hardly occasion such excitement as those before Christmas. Mr. Frank Mitchell—who is off to the front again almost directly—sees no reason why both representative football matches should not be played in October term. The aspiration is right enough; but practically this has been found impossible. Indeed, the boot is on the other leg, for many prominent 'Varsity foot-ballers advocate the Rugby match being played in Lent term also. My sympathies are with them, for (a) preparation and practice under existing conditions is nothing but a hurry-skurry, and (b) there is hardly time or scope enough for careful discrimination. On the whole, however, it is best to adopt Lord Palmerston's policy, and "let well alone." The up-to-date records read:—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.
Oxford	15	12	3	0	220	51
Cambridge	16	8	7	1	184	93

The Cantabs re-opened last Saturday, v. Coventry, and the Oxonians do so next Saturday, v. Mosely. By the way, it is hoped that the Cantabs will emulate the Oxonians by having a pavillion built on their new ground ere next season. It is sadly needed by players and spectators alike.

Several reputations went awry in the first League on Saturday, and per contra one or two members who have hitherto been regarded as lame ducks put a good leg forward, and the result is that the position at both ends of the table is one of doubt. The leaders, Nottingham Forest, were unable to report progress in their game at Bury owing to the storm, but during such time as play was possible the Reds gave a capital account of themselves against adverse circumstances, for they managed to score in the face of the elements, and when the game was abandoned Bury, with all the conditions favouring them, could count no advantage. The Forest are quite likely to see their positon strongly assailed, if not even captured, during the next few weeks, for during the next two months they have only two League games at home. Bury are very formidable competitors for the championship, and Sunderland considerably strengthened their position on Saturday by drawing with the Villa, at Birmiogham. The Villa, according to all accounts, are in search of new men, and rightly so, for although they have given up hopes of carrying off League honours again, and are going to devote exclusive attention to the Cup, there is little to encourage the belief that they will fare much better in that competition. Newcastle United escaped another set-back when only having the game against West Bromwich, and clearly enough they have been retrogressing of late.

Among the lower orders Stoke, by vistue of a really good performance at Bramall-lane, have cleared themselves for the time being, while Blackburn Rovers, who scored their second victory of the week at Hyderoad, surprised dwellers within the Manchester radius. At the same time, the City people might extract some little consolation from the reflection that mud levels all things—and at least, it levelled the City on Saturday very satisfactorily, from the Rovers' point of view. It is the unanimous opinion that were the Rovers to commence afresh with the members of the team in the form they are in at present, they would be nearer the top than they are to the bottom at the present time, though so far as the Second Division bogie is concerned, well, they have no occasion for anxiety. One of the clubs which has not been reckoned as a possible candidate for "Paddy's rise," Wolverhampton Wanderers to wit, and in anything but a comfortable position, and, for the first time this season, we believe, they are one of the last two; and really, when one comes to reckon up their position, there is cause for much anxiety. Although they have not lost a match at home, their last five games at Molineux have ended in a division of points, which is anything but a satisfactory state of affairs. They have, in addition, to pay five visits to Lancashire, and three of the clubs concerned require all the points they can get, while Bury for another reason may be depended upon not to throw any chances away.

Bristol City's lot at Portsmouth last Saturday in the Southern League was the reverse of agreeable, for they were beaten by four goals to none, and the extent of this margin is all the more suprising when it is remembered that Luton and Southampton are the only clubs that have taken a couple of goals out of the Westerners this season in the competition. This result, coming on top of their defeat in the English Cup by Reading has rather queered the outlook for the Citizens, the more especially as Southampton and Mill-wall both improved their record away from home. The former played a drawn game against the Rovers at Bristol, which was sufficient to give them a healthy lead of four points at the top of the table. Millwall's startling victory at Reading has placed them quite in the running, and they are now only one point behind Bristol City. Unless the Cupties make any special demands later on upon the "Docker," they should give Southampton a good fight for the championship. The biggest result of the day was credited to Tottenham Hotspur, who reversed the earlier verdict at Watford by a 7-0 victory. It is quite evident that the "Spurs" have put on their shooting boots in view of Preston North End's visit, and they now occupy quite a respectable position in the table. West Ham, of course, beat Swindon, a trick they accomplished in the initial match on the railway ground, while Kettering were easily three goals better than Gravesend, who lost by 4-1. The other game, at Luton with the Queen's Park Rangers, ended in a draw of two all but as the Strawplaiters won the first game at Kensal Rise and kicked the Londoners out of the English Cup in the qualifying rounds, they have no particular reasen to mourn the loss of one League point.

The Parliametary golf Handicap came to a close on Saturday at Mitcham. Even under ordinary conditions these things are apt to get rather belated, and one can easily conceive of a member with his full share of bazaars to open finding little opportunity of keeping pace with his parliament. This time Mr. Seton-Karr had to postpone his match unfortunately on account of a family bereavement, and one has a vague recollection that he had a similar experience in the previous tournament. On Saturday he fell, after a close match in shocking weather, to Mr. A. J. Robertson, of the Press Gallery, who gave six strokes and won by two up and one to play. It is well that Mr. Robertson has this opportunity of fame. The man who enjoys a seat in the House has many legitimate chances of making a name, but the reporter has to toil on with slight public recognition, and a win like this is not merely some sort of reward for him, but should be the stepping-stone to at least a minor Cabinet appointment.

An extraordinary performance is reported to have been done by an American cyclist named W. L. Stannard, who rode 38,887 miles during the year 1900. Stannard is a native of Springfield, Massachusetts; he is thirty years of age, and is 6 feet 0 3-4 inches in height. He has been an enthusiastic wheelman for years, and in the last seven years has ridden 100,000 miles. The greater part of his enormous mileage last year was made in the daily performance of his business. Rain or shine, hot or cold, always found him awheel. From January 1 to December 31 he rode every day, his daily average being a little over 106 1-2 miles. His best day's work was on October 21, when he reeled off 181 miles. Stannard made milk his principal article of food. He has frequently ridden centuries with nothing more in his stomach than a glass of milk and three slices of toast. He has averaged but five hours' sleep a day for the last year. His hardest riding was done Sundays. He would start out early, regardless of what the weather might be, and make at least a century. He wore out eight tyres. Stannard always carried checking cards with him to be signed in the various towns through which he passed, and more than once he was obliged to wake some one out of a sound sleep to sign his bit of pasteboard. He will continue to ride for the remainder of the winter, gradually reducing the number of miles each day; until he feels that it is safe for him to quit without injurious results.

LADY NORTHCOTE HINDU ORPHANAGE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—Will you please publish in your to-morrow's issue the list of persons, who have contributed to the above fund, sent herewith.—Yours, &c.,

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Bombay, Feb. 11.

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TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of further subscriptions, collected by Mr. S. A. Nathan towards the above named Fund.

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MOURNING IN INDIA.

THE Punjabi Multani Aroda Kshatris of Bombay met at Laibaug, near Pinjrapole, under the presidency of Mr. Ramdas Odhavdas, when a resolution of sympathy was passed.

BOMBAY RACES.

SECOND DAY.

THE attendance at Mahaluxmi yesterday was not so great as on Saturday, but those who made the journey witnessed some excellent races. The opening event was the Produce Stakes for which Evensong was considered good enough to lay odds of two to one on. As at the meeting last year, he ran disappointingly, victory falling to Daisy Belle, who just beat Lady Newbrook, Zilliz was made favourite for the Desert Stakes which brought out ten runners. President, a 6 to 1 chance, won from Admirer, who was greatly fancied and well backed for a place. Spark carried Mr. Murdoch's colours to victory in the Mahaluxmi Stakes, and did the mile in very good time—1 min. 45 secs—and if he had been pushed he could have got home a little quicker. Sixteen horses went down to the post for the Paddock Stakes, for which Brigand and Paleface were highly thought of. A good many backers, however, pinned their faith to Oriental, a very game horse, and if he had got a better start he would have beaten Brigand, who won by a short head. The race for the Mansfield Plate was virtually a contest between Security and Vigorous, and after looking an easy winner the latter was defeated by a short head by Mr. J. B.'s representative, who created a record time for the six furlongs, despite the fact that he was carrying the steadier of 10 stone. Prince Charlie added to his laurels by annexing the Dealers' Plate, and then the book-makers, who had been having a cold time, recouped some of their losses over the Stewards' Purse, for which people freely laid odds on Nada, who was backed for thousands. Ocean who looked very fit, and started friendless, led from the start, and Nada was beaten by a short head.

The Produce Stakes.—Rs. 1,500, out of which the second receives Rs. 200, and the third Rs. 100. A Handicap for Country-Bred Horses. Distance—1 mile.

Aga Mirza Ahmed's Daisy Belle, 7st. 6lbs. ..... Hoyt 1
Mr. Fry's Lady Newbrook, 7st. 9lbs. ..... Southall 2
H. H. Aga Khan's Evensong, 10st. ..... Robinson 3
Colonel Grant's Prime, 8st. 2lbs. ..... Gooloo 0
Messrs. G.K. and D.D.'s Exile II, 7st. 10lbs. Heeroo 0
Captain Moore's Menelaus, 7st. 8lbs. ..... Hoosain 0

Betting: 2 to 1 on Evensong, 4 to 1 against Daisy Belle and Lady Newbrook, 12 to 1 others.

Exile and Menelaus made the running from Lady Newbrook and Daisy Belle, Prime and Evensong being last. Three furlongs from home Daisy Belle drew to the front and came into the straight a clear length in front of Lady Newbrook, who challenged the leader but was beaten by a neck. Evensong was third. Time 1—min 49 2-5 secs.

The Desert Stakes.—Rs. 1,500, out of which the second receives Rs. 200, and the third Rs. 100. A Handicap for Arab Horses. Distance—6 furlongs.

Mr. Anandji Nanji's President, 9st. 4lbs. Greenhalgh 1
Mr Finch's Admirer, 7st 11 lbs. ..... Hoyt 2
Mr. Rienzi's Regal, 8st. 5lbs. ..... Southall 3
H. H. Aga Khan's Yildiz, 9st. 7lbs. ..... Ramshaw 0
Mr. S. C. P.'s Shanavaz, 9st. 11b. ..... Noormahomed 0
H H Maharaja Holkar's Shanghai 8st 5lbs ... Nama 0
H H Maharaja Holkar's Chieftain, 7st 12lbs ... Jakoo 0
Messrs G K and D D's Miskin, 7st 8lbs ... Williams 0
Mr S A Wahed's Jezangir, 7st 7lbs ..... Saunders 0
Mr Moostapha bin Talibs Chungiz 7st 3lbs ... Heeroo 0

Betting: 3 to 1 against Yildiz, 4 to 1 Regal, 5 to 1 Admirer and Shanavaz, 6 to 1 President and Chungiz, 8 to 1 Shanghai, 10 to 1 others.

Chungiz led from President, Admirer, Shanghai, Chieftain and Regal, Yildiz getting badly off. Two furlongs from home Regal drew up to the leaders, and at the distance Chungiz was beaten, and a desperate race ensued between President, Admirer and Regal. The former won by half a length, a head separating the other two; Jehangir was fourth. Time—1 min. 20 2-5 secs.

The Mahaluxmi Stakes.—Rs. 1,500, out of which the second receives Rs. 300, and the third Rs. 100, A Handicap for Horses which have not won a race value Rs. 500 or over since landing in India. Distance—1 mile.

Mr Murdoch's Spark, 8st 3 lbs. ..... Robinson 1
Lt.-Col Monteith's Peerage, 6st 13lbs ..... Kama 2
Messrs Tulloch and Allans Holkar 6st 9 lbs ... Rooke 3
Mr Baldock's Teepookana, 9st 11bs ..... Williams 0
Capt G H Arbuthnot's Best Shot, 7st 11 lbs ... Gooloo 0

Betting: Evens Spark, 3 to 1 Best Shot, 4 to 1 Peerage, 6 to 1 Teepookhana, 10 to 1 Holkar.

Holkar led, followed by Teepookhana and Spark, Peerage and Best Shot, who got off very badly, being the last pair. Spark drew into second place two furlongs from home and Peerage improved his position at the distance, where Spark overhauled Holkar. Peerage made a strong effort at the last, but was easily beaten by three-quarter's of a length behind; Teepookana was fourth, and Best Shot last. Time—1min 45 sec.

The Paddock Stakes.—Rs. 1,500, out of which the second receives Rs. 200, and the third Rs. 100. For Arab and C. B. Ponies 13-3 to carry 8st. 12lbs, W. I. Penalties—Winners since 31st March 1898, of a race value Rs. 900 or over: once, 4lbs.; twice, 7lbs.; oftener, 10lbs. Winners since the above date of races value Rs. 200 or over of the aggregate value of Rs 2,000, 3lbs.; of Rs. 4,000, 5lbs.; of 6,000 or over 7lbs., in addition to above penalties. Allowances—Ponies measured on or since 1st April 1899, 7lbs; Maidens, 7lbs. Distance—5 furlongs.

Mr K R S's Brigand, 9st 11bs ..... Robinson 1
Messrs A M Amir and Cawasji's Oriental 7st 0lbs ..... Noormahomed 2
Mr Hyde and Capt Purvis' Achilles 7st 9lbs ... Hoyt 3
Mr Fischer's Governor, 8st 9lbs ..... Penton 0
General MacCall's Ptarmigan, 8st 4lbs ..... Kamad 0
Mr S C P's Leader, 7st 12lbs ..... Wool 0
Mr S A Wahed's Royal Prince 7st 12lbs ..... Rooke 0
Mr D M's Buktawar 7st 12lbs ..... Southall 0
Messrs G K and D D's Chancellor 7st 12lbs Ramshaw 0
Mr S C Ps Panala II, 7st 11lbs ..... Elliot 0
Messrs G K and D Ds' Common, 7st 9lbs ... B Mahomed 0
Mr Anandji Nanji's Dictator, 7st 9lbs ..... Nama 0
Lt-Col Monteith's Paleface, 7st 9lbs ..... Saunders 0
Mr Moostapha bin Talib's Ruby 7st 7lbs .. Heeroo 0
Mr A W P's Feeroze 7st 7lbs ..... Williams 0
Mr Mathradas Goculdas's Grey Fox 7st 0lbs Oomarkhan 0

Betting: 2 to 1 against Brigand and Paleface, 4 to 1 Achilles, 6 to 1 Grey Fox, 7 to 1 Chancellor, 8 to 1 Oriental, 10 to 1 Ptarmigan, 12 to 1 Panala, 15 to 1 Governor, 20 to 1 others.

After a short delay the lot were despatched to a fair start, Governor and Paleface making the running, with Achilles, Brigand, Chancellor next, and Oriental well in the rear. Paleface was beaten ere the distance was reached, and at this point Governor lost his place, Brigand and Achilles drawing out. Oriental got through in the straight and ran very gamely, Brigand only getting home by a short neck; half a length off was Achilles and Governor fourth. Time 1 min. 6 2-5 secs.

The Mansfield Plate.—Rs. 2,000, out of which the second receives Rs. 300, and the third Rs. 100, A Handicap for Horses. Distance—6 furlongs.

Mr. J. B.'s Security 10st. 0lbs. ..... Ramshaw 1
Mr. K. R. S.'s Vigorous 8st. 10lbs. ..... Robinson 2
Mr Hajee Ismail Salt's Seamist 7st 11bs ..... Gooloo 3
Mr. Hyde's Kelso 8st. 3lbs. ..... Hoyt 0
Mr. S. C. P.'s Orion 7st. 6lbs. ..... Southall 0
Mr. Mathradas' Goculdas Gaullo 7st. 5lbs. Oomarkhan 0
Mr. A. Sattar's Redoubt 7st 2lbs ..... Heeroo 0
Messrs Tulloch and Allans's Harkaway 7st 0lbs Robertson 0

Betting: 2 to 1 against Security and Vigorous, 3 to 1 Kelso, 10 to 1 and longer odds remainder.

Seamist went off with a strong lead from Gaullo and Vigrous, Security being fourth. Vigrous was round the corner first and looked a winner, but Ramshaw brought Security up and snatched a victory in the last stride by a short neck; one length divided second and third, Kelso was fourth. Time 1 min 14 2-5 secs.

The Dealers' Plate.—Rs. 1,500, out of which the second receives Rs. 200, and the third Rs. 100. A Handicap for Arab and C.-B. Ponies 14 hands and under. Distance—1 mile.

H. H. Maharaja of Jodhpore's Prince Charlie, 9st 12 lbs. ..... Ramshaw 1
Mr. Hyde and Age S Shah's Sweet Vernal, 8st. 7lbs Nama 2
Mr S C P's Special, 7st 6lbs ..... Noormahomed 3
Mr Ali bin Talib's Hakum, 8st 3lbs ..... Heeroo 0
Mr Anandji Nanji's Muswood, 8st 2lbs, Omerkhan 0
Aga Mirza Ahmeds Arthur, 8st. ..... Southall 0
Messrs G K & D Ds Dispute, 7st 7lbs ..... Hoyt 0
Mr S C P's Rocket, 7st 4lbs ..... Native 0
Mr S A Wahed's Arbid ..... Gooloo 0

Betting: 6 to 4 on Prince Charlie, 4 to 1 Arthur, 5 to 1 Dispute, 6 to 1 Hakum, 8 to 1 Arbid and Sweet Vernal, 10 to 1 others.

Sweet Vernal made the running to the straight, where Prince Charlie

BOMBAY GYMKHANA.

HALF-YEARLY REPORT.

THE report of the Committee for the half-year ending 31st December, 1900, to be submitted to the general meeting to be held in the Pavilion on Wednesday, the 20th instant, is as follows:—

The total number of members of the Gymkhana is 1,836, of whom 449 were resident on 31st December, 1900; 67 new members were elected during the half-year and nine resigned; 17 temporary members were elected during the half-year.

At the last half-yearly meeting held on the 13th day of August 1900, the Committee consisted of the following gentlemen:—

The Hon. Mr. Justice L P. Russell, President; J. Sheepshanks, Joint Hony. Secy. and Treasurer; Marshall F. Reid, Joint Hony. Secretary; W. E. Crum, Boat Hony. Secretary; Dr. D. MacDonald, Bowls Secretary; Capt. H. R. F. Anderson, Cricket Secretary; H. G. W. Meikle, Golf Secretary; J. C. Brooks, Lawn Tennis Secretary; F. A. Prevost, Polo Hony. Secretary; A. C. W. Fosbery, Racquet Hony. Secretary, D. F. Vines, Football and Hockey Hony. Secretary; F. C Macrae, Additional Member; H. E. E. Procter Additional Member; W. A. Haig-Brown, Additional Member.

The following changes have taken place in the Committee during the half-year:—

Additional Member.—Mr. T. W. Birkett accepted the invitation of the Committee to join them as an Additional Member in place of Mr. F. A. Prevost.

Racquets.—Mr. H. B. Thurburn undertook the duties of Racquets Secretary in place of Mr. A. C. W. Fosbery, resigned.

Polo.—Mr. D. Graham undertook the duties of Polo Secretary in place of Mr. F. A. Prevost, resigned.

Cricket.—During the past Cricket season eighteen matches have been played, out of which five have been won, five drawn, and eight lost. Owing to the heavy rain which fell during the middle of the season, several matches had to be abandoned. The cricket pitch, which was repaired before the season began, did not play as well as was expected, but this was due, it is believed, to the ground not having settled down; it is hoped that this year, with careful watering and planting, it will show considerable improvement.

Polo.—Polo has been at a low ebb during the past six months, but with the advent of a new century there are distinct signs of a revival.

Racquets.—The court has again been well attended during the past six months. The average number of players per month was 32, the same as for the previous six months, and against 29 for the corresponding six months last year.

Lawn Tennis.—The monsoon being over, this game was again taken up vigorously by a large number of members. Courts Nos. 1, 3 and 7 have been relaid, and efforts have been made to make the light on the courts as good as possible. It is hoped that the entries for the coming tournaments will be large.

Boats.—Rowing has been going on steadily. Several of the boats however are in very bad condition, practically beyond repair, and a new pair-oar will probably have to be ordered from England this year.

Golf.—The season commenced in August and has been a successful one in every way. In the early part of the season, when the ground was soft, Mr. W. P. Pechey was the most successful player, winning the Golfers' Cup and the two scratch competitions in the September Golf Week. Mr Osborne Marshall has since then won the Wimbledon Cup and the St. Andrew's Medal, and Mr. H. G. W. Meikle, the Blackheath Medal.

Mounted Sports.—These were held as regularly during the rains as the weather would permit. The number of competitors was only moderate, many of those who contributed to the success of previous years being out of Bombay.

In consequence of the postponement of the Poona Races, the Annual Meeting was not held until the end of October and was most successful. Entries were large and all events were keenly contested.

Rugby Football.—A good number of players turned out during the season and the practice games were well attended, a new feature being a match Scotland versus The World. The Tournament was somewhat disappointing. The Cup was again won by the Welsh Regiment.

Association Football.—The team played 13 matches of which five were won, three drawn, and five lost. Goals for 29, against 18. When at full strength we were fairly successful, but throughout the season we were most unfortunate in always having a number of players on the sick list: this was a severe handicap to a club with so few playing members.

Bowls.—The bowling green has been in use since the end of the monsoon, and though it still needs some alteration so as to get rid of inequalities, yet it has greatly improved since the turf was re-laid. The installation of the two lamps which now light up the bowling green after sunset have made it possible to continue a game, or to begin playing, after the darkness has set in, a privilege which is taken advantage of. Mr. Ferrier won the Challenge Cup in November.

During the half-year various improvements costing Rs. 2,073 have been effected in the Gymkhana.

Members are reminded that the election of the Committee for the year 1901 will take place at the general meeting to be held on Wednesday, the 20th instant.

DON'T FISH FOR TROUT WITH A BOAT-HOOK.

LET us suit our tools to the work to be done. We do not trim our nails with a broadsword or fish for trout with a boat-hook.

Now, a "word" is a tool just as a hoe is or a carpenter's chisel. The Queen's head on a shilling was impressed there by a machine; and certain sounds (called words) were invented for impressing ideas on the mind on the same principle.

Take the word "excruciating," for instance. It is one of the strongest words in the English language. It is like one of those smashing big hammers in iron or steel foundries—a thing with which green hands are not to meddle. Like the Lord Mayor's coach or one's own best clothes, it is only to be brought out on fitting occasions. But when the time comes they must be produced and shown in all their glory to an admiring public.

On this basis, the soundness whereof no intelligent person will dispute, was Mrs. Ann Hill justified in saying what she does about an experience of hers some time ago! "In March, 1896," she says, "I began to be afflicted with rheumatism. The disease was keen and violent. It seemed to strike into my system as a poison serpent strikes his fangs into a man's leg when he isn't watching out. My foot and ankle soon became swollen, hot and painful. In a little time the ailment extended up the right leg to the hip. The pain was "excruciating." I got no rest night or day.

That is what Mrs. Hill says. Is she within bounds? As for me, I say, Yes. Some four or five years ago I had my first—and, thank goodness! my only—taste of acute inflammatory rheumatism. I could stand the dull ache of the muscles fairly well, but when it got hold of the big nerves, and put on an extra spurt, it made me (you will pardon the expression), it made me "holler." We may reverently doubt whether Job himself, incarnation as he was of fortitude and patience, could have borne acute rheumatism or gout, which is rheumatism's more stylish brother, with the same sweetness that marked his deportment under a load of boils and a scolding wife.

No. Mrs. Hill has not employed the strong word "excruciating" without a license. There are more dangerous and fatal diseases, to be sure, than rheumatism; but few that go in to *hurt* you as it does. Advanced medical authors nowadays are saying it is impossible to tell exactly what pain is. I beg, from the humble view point of an unscientific layman, to suggest that if these dubious doctors will try a season of inflammatory rheumatism they will find out what pain is—even if they can't cure it.

"I could not," continues Mrs. Hill, "put my foot to the ground, and had to lie in bed with it. When I was a bit better, and able to move about, my steps were uncertain as those of a child learning to walk; and I continually feared I might fall. For over a year (a year lost out of my life, as I could do no work or enjoy any comfort or pleasure), I hobbled around in this way never free from pain.

"In hope of relief I tried almost everything—hot fomentations, rubbing oils, &c. But neither they nor the treatment of the doctors did me any good. In June of last year (1897) I made up my mind to try Mother Seigel's Syrup. It had cured my daughter of a serious ailment, and I fancied it might cure my rheumatism. After taking it for about a fortnight I was decidedly better. The pain was so much easier that I could rest and sleep and eat more than I had done for a long time. This so encouraged and cheered me up that I kept on taking the Syrup until I was entirely free from the complaint. That is now over a year ago, and I have not had a touch of rheumatism since, although I have undergone as much exposure as I previously did. You are at liberty to publish the facts in my case if you desire." ANN HILL, 80, Bellgrove Street, Glasgow, September 23, 1898.

In curing rheumatism, which is one of the more or less direct results of continued indigestion and liver torpor, Mother Seigel's Syrup corrects the digestive functions and purifies the blood, thus expelling the rheumatic poisons from the body, and guarding against their fresh formation. A valuable piece of knowledge to have in one's head when we consider that rheumatism is as common as it is painful.

BACK BAY BATH COMPANY.

The following is the Directors' report to be submitted to day to the Annual Meeting of the Back Bay Bath Company. The attendance at the Bath has not been as good as last year, the number of bathers compared with previous years being as under:—1895, 12,386; 1896, 12,272; 1897 8,894; 1898, 10,952; 1899, 11,831; 1900, 10,613. The revenue has in consequence fallen off by Rs. 501-0-0, but with the balance of Rs. 625-9-2 brought forward from last year the balance available for distribution amounts to Rs. 2,901-14-11. The Directors recommended that a dividend of 6 per cent, be declared after writing off for depreciation the sum of Rs. 510-0-0, leaving a balance of Rs. 682[illegible] to be carried to next account. During the year the Bath House has been improved by relaying the floors of the dressing rooms and passages with mosaic and lining the walls with polished teak, the total cost being Rs. 887-12-0, which amount has been added to the Building account. Sir Geo. Cotton has retired from the Board of Directors as he has proceeded to England, and Messrs. D. Gostling and J. P. Watson retire under the Articles of Association, both gentlemen being eligible for re-election, and the Board recommends that they be re-elected. At the invitation of the Directors Mr. H. Greaves has joined the Board and his election needs confirmation.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m., yesterday, give the following results:—

Wards.	Plague. Attacks.	Plague. Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes.
A Upper Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade....	8	4	10
B Mandvi, Chukla, Umarkhadi and Dongri.....	20	13	52
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswadi, Bhuleshwar Khara Talao and Kumbharwada	65	33	88
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpatty, Walkeshwar and Mahaluxmi	11	20	30
E Mazagon, Tarwadi, 2nd Nagpada, Kamalapura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada.....	21	27	72
F Parel, Sewree and Sion ...	0	2	11
G Mahim and Worlee	2	7	13
Water Division.....	0	0	0
Non-resident and unknown...	0	0	0
Hospitals.....	0	27	37
Total.....	127	133	313
Total plague deaths to date...	83,971	69,369	
Same date last year...	79	63	377

RUSSIA AND CHINA.

A CORRESPONDENT writing to us from North China states that the Russian officers make no secret of their satisfaction at having gained solid material advantages as the direct result of the Boxer rising. The case was briefly put by one of the Czar's officers, who practically said:—"We have got Manchuria and we mean to keep it. "That is unquestionably the view taken by the military officers on the spot who care little or nothing for the devious methods of diplomacy. So far back as November the Russians had concentrated a very large force at Mukden, and since then reinforcements have arrived by tens of thousands. The military position has in short been made absolutely secure in the annexed territories, for they must so be regarded, and not even Japan with all its resources close at hand can now turn the Russians out of Manchuria. The policy of the St. Petersburg Government will undoubtedly be to push on railway construction as rapidly as possible caring little as to what may happen at Peking for a year to come. The presence of the European contingents in the Chinese capital and along the line of communication with the coast causes the Russians no anxiety, for they consider that international jealousies will prevent anything like combined military action in case of any single Power raising objections to the "settlement" of the Manchurian question. The longer the delay on the part of the Chinese in acceding to the Joint Note, the better will the Russians be pleased, for the protracted negotiations may permit of further finesse on the part of St. Petersburg diplomacy with a view to making the Chinese believe that Russia alone is their friend. The position is one which must cause more chagrin than anxiety to the British Government, which sees the Czar's authority being firmly established in Manchuria, and a complacent willingness on the side of Russia to maintain good relations with England—simply because a bold coup has been successfully carried out."—"Pioneer."

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ORDERS.

(*Gazette of India*, February 9.)

HOME DEPARTMENT.

MEDICAL.

Major R H Charles M D, F R C S, I M S Bengal Professor of Surgical and Descriptive Anatomy in the Medical College Calcutta and ex-officio Surgeon to the College Hospital is granted furlough out of India on medical certificate for eight months with effect from the 20th February.

Major D M Moir M D, I M S Bengal Offg Civil Surgeon Chittagong is appointed to officiate as Professor of Surgical and Descriptive Anatomy in the Medical College Calcutta and ex-officio Surgeon to the College Hospital during the absence on furlough on medical certificate of Major R H Charles M D, F R C S, I M S Bengal or until further orders.

The services of Capt A W R Cochrane M B, F R C S I M S Bengal are placed temporarily at the disposal of the Govt of the Punjab.

The services of Capt J C Robertson M B, I M S Bengal are placed temporarily at the disposal of the Govt of the N W Provinces and Oudh for employment on plague duty.

POLICE

The services of Mr W D Abercrombie a District Supdt of Police in Assam are replaced at the disposal of the Govt of Bengal.

ECCLESIASTICAL.

The Rev A B F Cole has been appointed to be a Chaplain on probation on the Bengal Lahore Ecclesiastical Establishment to fill an existing vacancy.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND AGRICULTURE.

The services of Lieut-Col C F Bingham I S C Conservator of Forests Burma are replaced at the disposal of the Military Dept with effect from the 5th March.

FAMINE.

The services of the undermentioned officers which were placed at the disposal of the Hon'ble the Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces replaced at the disposal of H E the Commander-in-Chief in India with effect from the dates on which they were relieved of famine duty:—Lieut T H Keyes 38th Dogra Regt of Bengal Infy; and Lieut S F B Dalrymple-Hay 42nd Gurkha Regt of Bengal Infy.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

With the sanction of H M's Govt the Govr Genl in Council is pleased to recognise the provisional appointment of Mr J C R Johnston as Consul for Denmark at Bombay.

Capt R W Burton I S C Double Company Commander 5th Regt of Infy Hyderabad Contingent is appointed to officiate as Cantonment Magistrate of Secunderabad with effect from the date of assuming charge and during the absence on furlough of Capt O G Levers I S C or until further orders.

The Govr Genl in Council is pleased to appoint Mr H F Wilkinson Offg Dist Supt of Police of the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore to be Supt of Railway Police in the Mysore state and to invest him with all the powers which are conferred by the said notification as so modified on the Supt of Railway Police.

Capt A J Ralph I S C lately Offg Cantonment Magistrate at Neemuch has passed by the Higher Standard the examination prescribed for Cantonment Magistrates.

Capt A B Sangster I S C 4th Bo Rifles has passed by the Lower Standard the examination prescribed for Cantonment Magistrates.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Mr T G Smith is appointed a Deputy Examiner 2nd grade Military Accounts Dept with effect from 23rd April 1900 vice Mr F I Drew resigned.

PERSONAL STAFF

The Viceroy and Governor General has been pleased to make the following appointment on His Excellency's Personal Staff with effect from the 28th Jan 1901

To be Aide-de-Camp—Lieut the Hon'ble C B Portman 10th Hussars.

NATIVE ARMY.

The following direct appointment is made with effect from date of joining:—46th Punjab Regt of Bengal Infy—Abdul Ghafur Khan to be Jemadar on probation on the formation of the Regiment.

FIELD OPERATIONS,—CHINA.

The following appointment is made:—Colonel F T N Spratt-Bowring Royal Engineers Chief Engr Bengal Command to be Colonel on the Staff Royal Engineers China Expeditionary Force vice Colonel W T Shone C B, D S O R Royal Engineers.

INDIAN SUBORDINATE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

MADRAS.

The undermentioned third class Asst Surgeon who has completed seven years' service in that class having passed the required departmental examination is promoted to second class with effect from the 12th Nov 1900—Godfrey Francis deSilva.

RETIREMENTS.

Capt Herbert Brand I S C Double Company Commander 5th Regt of Bombay Light Infy is permitted to resign the service with effect from the 8th Feb 1901 subject to His Majesty's approval.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

RAILWAYS.

Mr W A Johns Ex Engr 1st grade (Supdt of Works) and Officiating Engineer-in-Chief of the Ghaziabad-Moradabad Railway is appointed to officiate as Engineer-in-Chief of the Ludhiana-Dhuri-Jakhal Railway in addition to his own duties during the absence of Mr F D Fowler on privilege leave or until further orders.

IRRIGATION ROADS AND BUILDINGS.

Mr C Wilford Supervisor 1st grade Central Provinces is appointed to the Provincial Service of the Engr Branch of the Public Works Dept as an Asst Engr 3rd grade and is posted to the Central Provinces.

TELEGRAPHS.

Mr G O'Hara Sub-Asst Supdt 1st grade Indian Telegraph Dept is promoted to the Honorary rank of Asst Supdt with effect from the 1st Jan 1901.

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

NEW ZEALANDERS TOTALLY DEFEAT 800 BOERS.

MESSAGE FROM LORD KITCHENER.

(From the Mail papers of January 18 to 25.)

THE following telegram from Lord Kitchener to the Secretary of State for War was issued on Friday:—Pretoria Residency, January 18.—Colonel Grey, with New Zealanders and Bushmen, vigorously attacked enemy eight miles west of Ventersburg. About 800 Boers. Four dead, two wounded, one prisoner taken. Many horses riderless. Some rifles, saddles, bandoliers taken. Our casualties: One man dangerously wounded. Ventersburg, where the New Zealanders' fight took place, is a town in the Orange River Colony some 25 miles south of Kroonstad and a little to the east of the Bloemfontein-Pretoria railway.

THE ATTACK ON COLVILLE'S COLUMN.

OFFICIAL DESPATCH.

Lord Kitchener, in a despatch from Pretoria, dated January 18, says—

Colonel Colville's mobile column was attacked north of Standerton on the 17th by a concentration of the enemy, who were driven off with severe loss. Our casualties, 15 wounded and guide killed.

BOERS CHARGE OUR CAVALRY.

Durban, January 18.—Colonel Colville's column was attacked on the march from New Denmark to Viakfaagte by 1,000 Boers, who attempted to cut off the baggage train. The enemy was eventually repulsed with heavy loss. The British casualties were one killed and fifteen wounded.—Reuter. The Boers made a determined attack on the baggage which was guarded by an escort consisting of 300 men of the Rifle Brigade and 50 Standerton Police. At the same time an attack was made on the cavalry forming the rearguard. About 400 Boers charged our cavalry, forcing them to fall back. Four companies of the Rifle Brigade, concealed behind a fold of ground, prepared to receive the enemy with the bayonet, but the Boers beat a hasty retreat. We could not pursue them, since assistance had to be sent to the baggage guard.—Reuter.

THE BOER CONCENTRATION.

KITCHENER GETTING READY.

An "Empress" telegram from Capetown says:—Lord Kitchener is massing a large force at Pretoria. The main force will be a powerful mounted body with a reserve of cavalry fresh for pursuit or flanking. A telegram despatched by Reuter from Standerton states that the Boers are active round Standerton. The town is, however, now practically impregnable. The Standerton correspondent of the Central News states that six commandoes of Boers are concentrating in the Ermelo district, north-east of this place. It is reported that their object is to invade Natal. Commandant-General Louis Botha is directing the concentration, and the aggregate strength of the six commandoes is about 8,000 men.

THE WAR AND ARBITRATION.

REPORTED EMPHATIC STATEMENT BY A BRITISH MINISTER.

Paris, January 18.—The "Matin" to-day publishes an account of an interview which one of its representatives is said to have had with one of the members of the British Cabinet regarding a report that Holland had offered her good offices with a view to arbitration between Great Britain and the Boer Republics. The Minister, after remarking that he was not called upon to make known to the public everything that went on in the Government Chancelleries or the recent secret deliberations of the Cabinet, and that he was not accustomed to concern himself with what certain people had to say, is represented to have spoken as follows:—

"But there is one thing that I can say emphatically, because it is no secret, because all the Ministers have declared it, and because it is the very basis of the British Government's policy, and that is that we shall accept an arbitration proposal no more to-day than yesterday or to-morrow, no matter whence it may come or what form it may take. I am amazed at having to state so manifest a truth, and it seems to me that after a moment's reflection everyone must recognise that between the South African Republics and Great Britain no arbitration is possible.

"Arbitration—we have history to prove it—has never been anything better than a clumsy arrangement to be employed between two adversaries who are anxious to come to an agreement and are ready to make concessions to reach one. I should like to know on what points we can come to an understanding with the South African Republics, and what concessions each of us is ready to make. Mr. Kruger has said not once but a dozen times that he would accept no settlement not including the independence and the territorial integrity of the two Republics. We have declared not once but a dozen times that we would accept none which did not provide the suppression of the independence of the two Republics. On this question of independence we are on each side immovable. Mr. Kruger will consent to no concession; we cannot consent to any. In such a situation where is there any room for a clumsy arrangement?

"But there is something more? As long as we are in power, as long as we retain a scrap of public authority, we shall practically reject any proposal whatever for arbitration, because we decline to inflict upon England what in the present circumstances would be undeserved humiliation. Neither in Europe, nor in America, do we see a single nation which from the outbreak of hostilities has preserved a judicial spirit. On the contrary, we have seen that those whose attitude has from the beginning of the war been the most violent and the most insulting, are the most fervent partisans of arbitration, and that it is precisely they who proclaim themselves ready to act as arbitrators. Great Britain would, indeed, have to fall very low for her to submit to the decision in the greatest trial she has entered upon for a century to judges who have nothing for her but words of hatred.

"No we shall carry this war through whatever sacrifices we may have to ask of the country. The Boers have declared that they will astonish the world by their resistance. We will astonish it by our persistence. It is quite possible that we may have some day to give up the idea of convincing the world that we have right on our side, but we shall never abandon our determination to convince it that might is with us. It was one of our opponents, not one of ourselves, who said "A victorious issue to the South African War is for Great Britain a question of life or death." We accept the formula. We make it our own, and as there is no half-way solution between life and death, we decline to be stopped even for a moment by the proposals of those who profess their desire to prolong our existence, and would begin by killing us."—Reuter.

THE CALL FOR MORE TROOPS.

In considering the question of the disproportionate rate of pay between the Yeomanry and Mounted Infantry, it must not be forgotten that the Yeomanry are Volunteers; while all the Mounted Infantry (exclusive of Colonials, whose rate of pay is about the same as that of the Yeomanry) who have gone out to the war have been regarded as Regulars. No Volunteers have been accepted in England for the Mounted Infantry with the exception of a small portion of the C. I. V's. Moreover, the War Office we understand, are not calling for any infantry companies of Volunteers, mounted or otherwise, at the present moment. All that is being called for is the 5,000 Yeomanry. Certainly enquiries are being made of the commanding officers of the Volunteer corps as to how many men they could supply in case of any emergency arising, but it is not true that any call has, as yet, been made upon any of the infantry Volunteer battalions. Thus the question of the disparity of pay between the two classes of Volunteers does not arise, at least, for the present.

The War Office are understood to view with just appreciation the very high patriotism which induced the Volunteer infantry companies to enlist "for the year or the end of the war." Considering that their rates of pay were only those of the infantry Regulars, while the Yeomanry and Irregular Colonial corps are getting a much higher rate, it is admittedly very hard on the men, and also especially hard on the Militia and their officers, that they have had by the exigencies of the war to be kept away from their homes and businesses so long.

Yeomanry officers will receive pay and allowances at cavalry rates. Yeomen will, for the present, only be enlisted in the rank of private. The rates of pay will be on the following scale:—

	s.	d.
Regimental sergeant-major	9	0
Quarter-master-sergeant.....	8	9
Farrier-sergeant	8	6
Farrier staff-sergeant	8	6
Company sergeant-major	8	0
Company quarter-master-sergeant.	8	0
Sergeant	7	0
Corporal and paid lance-corporal ...	6	0
Private.....	5	0

Extra duty pay of 1s. a day may be given to buglers, saddlers, and farriers.

The Yeomen will be entitled to the rations and other allowances of their rank as regular cavalry soldiers, except messing allowance, which merges in the rate of pay.

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HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE.

ONLY one reigning monarch since the accession of the House of Hanover has been buried in Westminster Abbey. George the Second has his grave there, lying side by side with his wife, Queen Caroline. One of the Georges—the First—was buried in Hanover, dying in a carriage on his way there.

One of the most interesting collections of walking-sticks to be seen in England is, of all places in the world, at Windsor Castle. Since Her Majesty fell on the stairs at Windsor and lamed herself she had rarely walked at all, and never without a stick. Three years ago, the Queen was presented with a stick left in a bedroom at Culloden House by Prince Charlie on the morning of the battle of Culloden, and she has another which belonged to Charles the Second.

Edward the Seventh can hardly hope to break the reign record of the other Edwards. All but three of them reigned twenty years or over, and one over half a century. But the average was lowered by the three kings who reigned only ten years between them. One of them did not reign at all. We may hope, therefore, that the new King will at least pass the average of the reign of the Edwards, which has been eighteen years. At that time King Edward VII. will still be nearly four years younger than Queen Victoria.

The full title of the King of England is King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the Colonies and Dependences thereof; Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India. The title first included reference to India in 1877, when the Queen, by the authority of Parliament, added the words "Empress of India." For three centuries before the last the Royal title of the English monarch was "By the grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith."

The Sovereign, in law, is always present in Parliament, but it is stated, we do not know with what truth, that Queen Victoria never saw her faithful Commons in session. Every sitting was reported to her by the Leader of the House, but Her Majesty, owing, perhaps, to the constitutional objection to the Royal presence in debates, never witnessed a sitting of the House. Some old Parliamentarian, perhaps, can clear up this point.

Edward is the favourite name of English Kings. Reckoning the three before the Conqueror—Edward the Elder, Edward the Martyr, and Edward the Confessor—there have been ten of them. Henrys come next with eight, and the Williams and Georges divide honours with four each. There have been since the Conqueror three Richards, two James's and two Charles's. Only one King has been named John, and only one Stephen.

An Inverness trooper has just sent a letter to his parents in Inverness containing some interesting facts regarding the recent movements of the Lovat Scouts. He says: "We are again on the move. They don't give us much peace or rest. If any corps (Volunteer) in South Africa has earned its home-coming this has. Lord Kitchener is turning things upside down. When he arrived at Bloemfontein the Yeomanry prepared a grand dinner for him. When he heard of it, he said: 'Send it to the hospital.' He is hard after De Wet just now, and no one knows how things stand, as one of his methods of acting is to publish nothing till he has accomplished his end." It must be admitted that he does not publish much.

It was not the oldest Queen in the world at whose bedside the Empire has been watching. Of greater age than Queen Victoria is the Queen of Hanover who, though in exile, still holds her title by courtesy. She has, however, held no ruling position for more than a generation. Queen Marie lives in a pretty house not far from the gorgeous villa built by the Duke of Cumberland on the Traun See, at Gmunden, in Upper Austria. She has few of the infirmities of age. She still drives and walks out, taking an active interest in the word's affairs; and she looks, as indeed she is, a Queen without a country. The Queen of Hanover will, if she lives, be 83 next April, so that she is nearly a year older than was Queen Victoria. The ex-Empress Eugenie, who was a close friend of the Queen for many years, is 74. Older than all these, however, is the Princess Clementine of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, who is 84 this year.

Mr. Nikola Tesla, the electrician, sent the following greeting to a large watch-night meeting in Chicago: "I have observed electrical actions which have convinced me that before long human beings will turn their eyes to the firmament with love and reverence, thrilled by glad news. Brethren, we have a message from another world, unknown and remote. It reads: 'One, two, three.'"

Oh what a favoured life we lead
In this enlightened Press age!
Oh, joy to be alive and read
So beautiful a message!
Oh, bliss it is that, ere we died,
Whoe'er in Mars may be
Have sent us back this glad reply—
This soulful "1, 2, 3"!
May be, though I know not how
A prize so great can reach us,
The sum of all their wisdom now
Those men of Mars will teach us—
They'll hear us crying out, and see
We're waiting for a sign,
And segely signal 1, 2, 3,
4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9!

—"Topical Times."

January 18, besides being the 200th anniversary of the foundation of the Prussian Monarchy, is also the 200th anniversary of the foundation of the Order of the Black Eagle. The foundation of Orders is one of the prerogatives of monarchs; and the first "King in Prussia," not "King of Prussia" (for the question of sovereignty over West Prussia was reserved) founded the Order immediately after his coronation. The Star of the Order consists of a Black Eagle surrounded by the Garter, and the motto "Honi soit qui maly pense." The reason of this is that Frederick I. was at the time of the foundation of the Order a member of the English Order of the Garter, and the statues of that Order forbid any of its members to wear any other decoration. The difficulty was surmounted by combining the two Orders in the way mentioned. The Order of the Black Eagle is the counterpart of the Order of the White Eagle in Poland. Russia also favours the two-headed eagle.

There would have been something sorrowfully appropriate in the presence of the Prime Minister at the bedside of the Queen on Tuesday. Three hundred years ago, his great ancestor stood by the deathbed of another Queen—or stood, rather, by the dying Queen who would not go to bed. Admiral Nottingham had urged Elizbeth to retire, and the Queen had said to him, almost in a wisper, that "if he knew what she had seen in her bed he would not persuade her as he did." "And Secretary Cecil," says an old chronicler, "overhearing her, asked if Her Majesty had seen any spirits; to which she said she scorned to answer him so idle a question. Then he told her how, to content the people, Her Majesty must go to bed. To which she smiled, wonderfully contemning him, saying that the word "must" was not to be used to Princes; and thereupon said, 'Little man, little man, if your father had lived he durst not have said so much; but thou knowest I must die, and that maketh thee so presumptuous.'"

"I have in my possession some letters," writes a correspondent from Cambridge, "which were written by the late Bishop of London on leaving school, and foreshadow in an interesting way some of his later characteristics—e.g., as to his love for long walks he writes: One day we walked thirty-two miles, another we were out among the mountains from 7.30 a.m. to 10.30 p.m. Whenever I was getting rather tired I used to enter into an argument with him, which he used to carry on so fiercely that he quite forgot his fatigues. There must be still living some of his old school-fellows who recollect his most interesting 'pastoral letter,' as he playfully calls it, to the school monitors on his leaving Durham—partly in response to appeals for advice—which he says it took 'three hours' hard work to think out carefully and write it, besides a previous day's meditation; and this was supplemented by other private letters marked not only by high principle and common-sense but by an instinctive sense of power and influence, and their responsibilities unusual in a schoolboy, and without any offensive dogmatism, and also by a keen and studious interest in character."

At a well-known club in St. James's—in fact, one of the oldest clubs in London—any member so rash as to bring a dog or a bicycle on to the club premises, or even to lean a bicycle against an outer wall of the clubhouse (says a writher in "Free Lance") renders himself liable to be summarily fined by the club committee. There is another peculiar regulation at the same club, though this is an unwritten rule. It is to the effect that no member, honorary member, or member's guest shall smoke a pipe on any part of the club premises. About a week ago, a certain venerable member had the audacity, in broad daylight, to pull out his pipe in the smoking-room, fill it, and light it. Before it was well under weigh, however, the old man's breach of "polite behaviour" had been observed by a priggish youth, who, instead of delicately reminding the old fellow that pipe-smoking was defendu, or better, overlooking the infringement, there and then rang up a waiter, and in a loud voice bade him "tell that member to put his pipe out, as pipes are forbidden in this club." The order was delivered by the waiter, and the pipe deliberately extinguished by the old man, who then calmly begged the waiter, in the politest of tones, to present his compliments to Mr. So-and-So, whose name he had inquired, and tell him that "the Duke of——was extremely obliged to him for drawing attention to a regulation which had temporarily slipped his memory!"

How to Preserve Books in India.

It is sometimes said that people in India do not buy books because it is impossible to preserve them from damage by insects and heat moisture. In fact, many persons declare that it is impossible to preserve books in India. On the authority of many book collectors, however, it is perfectly possible, if owners of books will but take the pains, to keep one's books in almost as good a condition as that in which they arrive from the book-seller.

It may be stated as a general principle that if owners of books will take as much care and go to as much trouble with their books as they do in the case of their clothing, rugs and other valuables, their books will be kept quite free from damage, either by climatic influence or insects.

1. To keep books properly in India, each volume should be taken out of the book-case twice or three times a week, and "carefully" rubbed with a soft brush or bit of cloth. This should not be done unless it can be done systematically each week and each month, and "it is especially necessary during the rains."
2. A small vessel containing shell lime should be placed in the book case. The effect of this will be to absorb the moisture and save the books from "sweating" during the hot weather.
3. Crushed naphthaline in envelopes laid on the top of the books in the case is another favourite preventive of damage by insects.
4. The doors of the book case should be opened from time to time in order to permit the entrance of fresh air. If several holes are punctured in the back of the case, every time the doors are closed a current of fresh air will be forced in and the impure air will be forced out through the holes at the back.
5. An excellent means of preserving books from insects is to wipe each volume at least twice a week with a cloth slightly moistened with Kerosine oil.

The two cases which The Standard has manufactured especially for the "Library of Famous Literature" were designed with the idea both of protecting the books from insects as well as from the effect of heat moisture. Both of these cases have doors, thereby insuring that the books will be kept constantly under cover. As far as it is mechanically possible, these two cases will produce the desired result, but the foregoing suggestions are worthy of adoption by all persons who love books and who wish to keep them in as perfect a condition as possible in such a climate as that of India.

(Extract from Indian Museum Notes, Vol. III, No. 3, 1894.)

The treatment recommended for use in the Library of the Revenue and Agricultural Department was that of disinfecting the books by pouring a few teaspoonfuls of refined mineral naphtha, or what is known as benzine collas, into the crevices of the binding, and then shutting up the volume for a few days in a close-fitting box to prevent the escape of the fumes. Books so dealt with to be afterwards sponged over lightly with a very little of the finest kerosine oil, which should be rubbed off with a cloth before it has time to penetrate into the binding. This renders the books to a great extent distasteful to insects without causing serious injury. It is objectionable on account of the odour of the kerosine oil, but has the recommendation of harmlessness combined with considerable efficiency.

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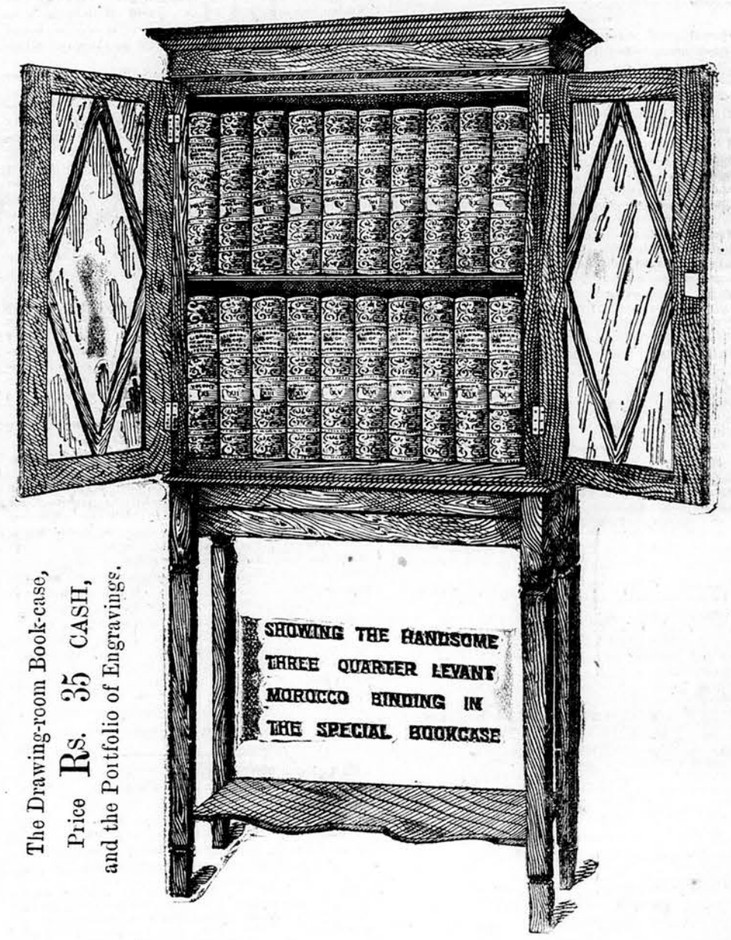

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ECHOES OF SCIENCE.

The neomylodon, the mysterious animal of Patagonia, whose remains have been found by more than one traveller, was the subject of an interesting note recently to the Academie des Sciences, Paris. M. Andre Tournouer, a geologist, while in the interior of Patagonia, seeking fossils, heard from the natives of a strange animal, the "Hymchy," which they regarded with superstitious terror,

One evening he fired at a singular beast, as big as a puma, which rose in the middle of the river by which he was camped. Its round head was coated with a deep brown fur, and the eyes were surrounded with clear yellow hairs. The animal sank on hearing the shot, and did not rise again. An Indian to whom he spoke of it assured him that he had seen the mysterious "hymchy." The native also showed him footprints on a sand bank of the river which resembled those of a feline, and were, he said, the trail of a "hymchy."

M. Camille Flammarion, the well-known astronomer, has been studying the effect of coloured light on silkworms. White light yields the maximum, and blue light the minimum production of silk. Next to white light the purple of the red end of the spectrum gives the best results. Blue rays increase the number of males and "warm" rays the number of eggs laid by the females.

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Dr. Soca has reported the case of a young girl of seventeen taken with syncope after a cold 'tub' who slept for seven months in the hospital to which she was admitted. When she was roused from sleep by violence she responded drowsily to questions put and fell asleep again. At the end of seven months she died of pneumonia having slept herself out of life. Sometimes she was fed in her sleep, and at other times while they kept her awake.

The new Vickers Maxim quick-firing wire gun it about 386 inches long and 7 1-2 inches in diameter. It weighs over 16 tons and carries a 50lb charge of cordite. The projectile weighs 200 lbs. and has a muzzle velocity of 2,920 feet per second. In design it is like the 47 quick-firing gun so well known in the Boer war, and supplies a demand for a weapon intermediate between the 6-inch and 8-inch quick-firing gun.

The wreck of the Russie on the island of Faraman off Marseilles has drawn attention to the advantage of an apparatus planted on such dangerous points, which can telegraph its name periodically by the wireless system. It could easily be done by an automatic telegraph key, say a revolving disc with projections which would operate the key and send the signals.

A German writer predicts that acetylene gas will supplant petrol in motor cars. It is cheaper and less troublesome than petrol, but an improved generator and safer storage is wanted for it.

A firm in Hanau, Germany, have succeeded in welding aluminium without the use of any metal, solder, or acid. No seam can be detected in the weld, which resists heat or cold, as well as blows. The process is kept a secret.

According to Mrs. Nelson Annandale, the lantern-fly of Malay has a leaping organ on its head. It acts like a spring in throwing the fly into the air.

Professor Eugene Dubois, from the examination of chalk in rivers, has arrived at the conclusion that the time since the formation of the solid crust and the appearance of life on the earth may exceed a hundred million of years.

According to the Proceedings of the Royal Society of Victoria, a cast of a tree trunk in basalt was found at Footscray. The tree has been caught in molten rock, and carbanized. Then fresh molten rock has filled up the hollow mould of the charred trunk. As a rule, petrified trunks are formed by water replacing the woody matter by minerals.

Sir Archibald Geikie will shortly retire from his post as Director-General of the Geological Survey of hte United Kingdom, and will be entertained by his friends at a complimentary dinner early in March. Sir Archibald is a Scotchman, and author of several works notably a popular book on geology and scenery which ought to serve artits as well as tourists. Long ago Goethe observed that artists ought to study geology as well as anatomy, and Geikie's book is probably the best for their purpose. Mr. James Geikie, a brother of Sir Archibald, is another distinguished name in geology.

The "Cape Agricultural Journal" describes a remedy for horse-sickness prevalent in South Africa, Animals which have recovered from the disease are inoculated at intervals with blood from infected animals. They are then bled, and the serum is preserved. It is mixed with virulent blood and injected into healthy horses from time to time. Then virulent blood is injected, and in this way the horses are "immunised."

Lake Copais in Boeotia, Greece, has now been drained, and 48,000 acres of areble land added to the country. Some 15,000 acres are already occupied.

The engineers of the cable-ship engaged in repairing the cable from Galveston to the Mexican Coast found that the cable had been broken by an earthquake. This cause of interruption is too common in the East Indian Archipelago and elsewher.

The President of the Rontgen Society has offered a gold medal for the best maker of X-ray tubes as applied to photographic and screen work. The competition is open to all nations, and the tubes must be sent to the Rontgen Society, 20, Hanover-square, London, W., not later than May 1.

The Turin Academie Royale des Sciences announces a Bressa prize of £384, open to all nations, for the most useful or brilliant discovery or the most celebrated work in pure or applied science between the years 1897-1900. Applications should be made to the President of the Academie before the end of this year but the prize may be awarded to one who does not apply for it.

The medical profession of Colchester propose to erect a marble statue of Dr. Gilbert of Colchester, the first modern electrician who lived in the time of Queen Elizabeth and whose work De Magnete showed that the earth was a great magent.

More about the green ray is given in the Bulletin of the French Physical Society, all Guebhard ascribes the green ray seen after a red sunset to the shadow of the earth viewed by an eye fatigued to red and appearing green. M. Pellat says the green upper limb of a yellow setting sun is due to prismatic refraction by the atmosphere. M. Raveau states that he has seen the sea coloured green over a triangular space pointing to the setting sun.

It is curious to observe how closely the national feeling in the face of calamity follows the lines on which individual emotion is manifested. The illness of the Queen caused a depression that manifested itself to one as he walked the streets. You could see the influence of the bad tidings on the faces of men and women you passed in the thoroughfares. There was a latent sadness in the air, and even business transactions were conducted in a subdued fashion that contrasted with the usual mode of making contracts, driving bargains, and the ordinary features of buying and selling. I noted precisely the same phenomena when the news of the first disasters to our forces in South Africa came to hand. Everybody felt as though a personal disastar was impending, and everybody accordingly was saddened at the intelligence from the front. These waves of emotion are without interest to the man of science, and more especially to the psycho logist. They offer illustrations and experiences in what one may call mental epidemics, such as have formed the subject of more than one learned treatise. Waves of joy are propagated through a crowd, just as flashes of sorrow pass from unit to unit, affecting the mass in due course, and eliciting, it may be, pity, sympathy, or admiration on the one hand, or rancours hate and all uncharitableness on the other. This i, the real secret at once of the power and danger of the crowd. Its favourable side may be just as easily invoked [illegible] a lesson in sympathy that

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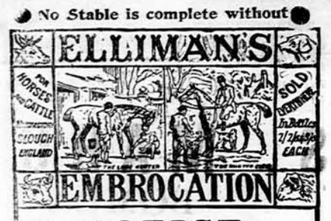

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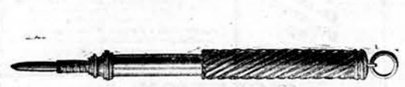
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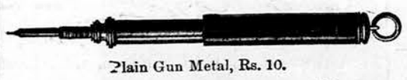
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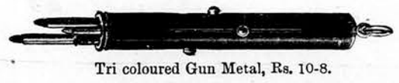
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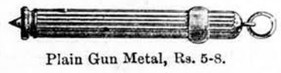
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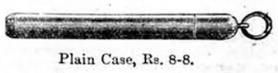
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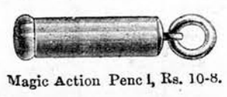
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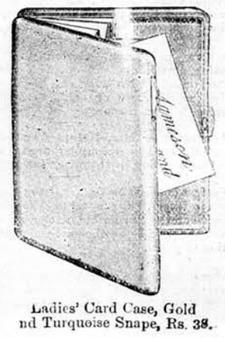
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